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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Ending A Farce

THE neutral nations inspection teams in Korea have figured so inconspicuously in the news during the last year or so that today's announcement of the Communist truce inspectors being ordered out of South Korea by the Western powers comes as something of a shock. But in fact the action represents the culmination of three years of frustration.

Very soon after the Neutral Nations Inspection Commission came into existence, the Swedish and Swiss representatives found it necessary to complain about the obstruction to their teams in North Korea displayed by their counterparts, the Czech and Polish members of the Commission. In short, the conditions laid down that the inspection teams north and south of the demilitarized zone should exchange full information on the movement into the areas of new troops and war material, have been consistently ignored by the Communist representatives. The result has been to render futile the work of the inspection teams.

COMMUNIST protests over the action of the United Nations Command in expelling the Czech and Polish inspection teams from South Korea are inevitable, but if this decision leads to the complete abandonment of the Commission whatever tears are shed will be of the crocodile variety.

The UN Command has provided chapter and verse about the build-up of an air force in North Korea, in direct violation of the Armistice terms, and of the increase in military forces, which only normal replacements are permitted. Thus, not only have the Communists cocked a snook at the inspection teams, but they have cynically contravened the principal terms of the Armistice.

It is in these circumstances that the UN Command has ordered the Communist representatives on the Inspection Commission out of South Korea and brought to a halt the farce of a one-way flow of information between the inspection teams.

The report of the UN Command on the building up of military and air strength in North Korea also underscores the reason for the United Nations' rejection of the Peking proposal for a new international conference on the future of Korea. As the note observed: "The United Nations Command believes that the Chinese-North Korean side has given no evidence of the good faith which alone could enable a new conference to serve a useful purpose." And that is something of an understatement.

If the Neutral Nations Inspection Commission is disbanded it will not change the current situation. Nor is it likely to result in the removal of hostilities, even though that is what Syngman Rhee desires. The indications are the armed truce in Korea will continue indefinitely.

A New Thriller Story

In tomorrow's feature-packed week-end Mail, a new thriller serial by Ian Fleming begins. The story is "DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER".

In today's China Mail, on page four, you'll read why Fleming wrote this story about James Bond, the secret agent assigned to investigate diamond smuggling.

This is only one of the highlights of the week-end Mail. Watch out also for these:

George Whitting begins another sports series, recalling the first Cup Final at Wembley in the series: "Incredible Cup Final".

How Princess Margaret picks her favourite records, Cyril Stapleton explains in his Saturday Record Column. There are all your favourite features as well, including Jane Roberts' film column, special sections for women, children, and sportsmen, cartoons, comic strips — and Giles — all in the China Mail.

HK REFUGEES

UNREF Decides

THE POTATO IS TOO HOT SO—NO DECISION AGAIN

Geneva, May 31.

The executive committee of the United Nations Refugee Fund today again declined to take a decision on whether or not it should or could give aid to 700,000 Chinese refugees in Hongkong.

The Dutch chairman of the committee, Mr C. L. Patijn, said the "potato was too hot" to be dealt with decisively now, just as it had been last year.

Dr G. J. Van Heuven Goedhart, Dutch United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, said with some vehemence that he was "sorry to appear a little unfriendly" to the committee, but postponement was "only a way to hide a lack of courage" to take a decision.

Hot Potato Next Time?

"I assume that I am to serve the hot potato again at the next meeting with a nice menu saying that it is still a hot potato," he declared.

The committee agreed that, at the next session, it would:

- ★ Take up the elements of a report on the subject of refugees in Hongkong.
- ★ Hear the results of consultations to be held with the British Government and the Hongkong authorities on the urgency of the problem.

★ Review the situation to see if any funds would be available. (None are available now). Basically the question is one of deciding whether or not these refugees fall within the mandate of the High Commissioner or not.

The Executive Committee so far has shown itself unable to decide on this extremely delicate question with far-reaching legal and political consequences.

The subject was not actually on the agenda of the present session, but the committee received two cables from Hongkong, appealing to it to devise means of extending international aid.

Tribute To Hongkong

One cable came from the United Nations Association of Hongkong and the other from the China Refugee International Council.

The China Refugee Council expressed its "deep concern" at the "lack of positive action" by the Executive Committee.

It said tens of thousands of refugees were lacking the basic necessities of life and were eking out a precarious existence under impossible conditions.

The presence of these refugees in Hongkong constituted "one of the major social problems of Asia" and a "challenge to the free world" to find a solution.

The cable paid tribute to the Hongkong Government, which has made available the equivalent of US\$53 million over the last five years, and also to the work of about 100 voluntary agencies.

The High Commissioner also paid tribute to the efforts made by the British authorities.—Reuter.

PEERS, MPs GET A HANKY (MADE IN JAPAN)

And A Lecture On Jap Imports With The Compliments Of Cyril Lord

Our Own Correspondent

London, June 1.

Every MP and member of the House of Lords today received a piece of Japanese made cotton cloth about as large as a handkerchief.

The handkerchiefs were sent by textile chief Cyril Lord. He says it is the first of three "briefs" designed to bring home the plight of Lancashire to the Government.

He will send the two other briefs to MPs tomorrow and next week dealing with Indian and Hongkong imports.

On each handkerchief is printed a picture of a smiling Japanese, and in brushwritten text the message: "Of course, Great Britain will import as much of this as we can send—its duty free as long as she exports it as a single 'British end single'—no wonder Lancashire suffers."

Mr Lord hopes to bring home the plight of Lancashire where Japanese imports have closed 80 mills and put 54,000 people out of work.

FAIR DEAL

Lord, who owns a string of mills worth £25 million says: "Lancashire is not asking for special favours and privileges. All it wants is a fair deal for the industry which is a vital part of Britain's economy." "The country has a £1,600,000,000 investment by present-day values in the textile industry which must be safeguarded."

Sir Bernard Docker Sacked

London, May 31. Britain's fabulous millionaire, Sir Bernard Docker, was sacked today as chairman and managing director of a £25,000,000 empire.

The Birmingham Small Arms Company (BSA), which makes everything from bicycles to guns and Daimlers, announced today that Sir Bernard had been dismissed.

Stunned

Sir Bernard and his wife, two of Europe's most colourful personalities, drove around in a gold-plated Daimler.

Sir Bernard was stunned. "They have given me the sack," he said. "I do not know what to say."

Jordan And Syria Arms Pact?

London, May 31.

A joint communique issued on Syrian President Shukri El Khatat's talks in Amman quoted by Cairo Radio tonight said Jordan and Syria had agreed to conclude a military agreement.

The communique also said the two countries had approved the principle of economic unity and eased travelling regulations between the two countries.

The joint Syrian-Jordanian communique on the talks said they dealt with various Arab problems of concern to the Arab public opinion in general and Jordan and Syria in particular.—Reuter.

Appeal Fails

New York, May 31. The New York State Court of Appeals today rejected Mickey Jolke's bid to win freedom from Sing Sing prison.

Jolke was convicted in April, 1935, for inducing Pat Ward, now 21, into a life of prostitution and of attempting to do the same with Marguerite Cardozo, now 26.

He was sentenced to two to three years.—China Mail Special.

B & K Toast The Queen —And Music

Moscow, May 31.

Marshal Bulganin and Mr Khrushchev spent an hour and a half at the British embassy garden party celebrating the Queen's official birthday today and drank a champagne toast to the Queen's health.

Standing by tulip beds in the Embassy garden, Marshal Bulganin told a group of Soviet and British guests: "Friendship between Britain and the Soviet Union must be so secure that our planes can carry passengers and not bombs."

Marshal Bulganin and Mr Khrushchev came to the party with Mr Vyacheslav Molotov, Foreign Minister, and Mr Georgi Malenkov, former Premier and now Minister for Power Stations.

The two top Soviet leaders were in high spirits and stayed longer than they usually do at such diplomatic functions.

Fingerprints-ugh!

During the party Mr Khrushchev had a long talk with Mr Isaac Stern, American violinist who had completed a four-week concert tour of the Soviet Union, about American requirements for fingerprints of Soviet and other foreign ministers.

"No Soviet citizen will ever go to the United States if he has to be fingerprinted," he said.

Gripping his champagne glass Marshal Bulganin told Mr Stern: "We will put our fingers around the glass. We will put our hands in yours to shake in friendship, but we will not put our fingers on the ink pad."

Mr Khrushchev then proposed a toast to better friendship between the people of the United States and the Soviet Union through music.—Reuter.

Serviceman Shot

Nagasaki, May 31.

A British serviceman was shot and injured today by terrorist gunmen in Nagasaki. The serviceman was shot as he walked along Limbako Waterfront with his wife and child.—France-Press.

100 Rebels Die

Algiers, May 31.

More than 100 Algerian rebels were killed in widespread operations throughout Algeria yesterday.—France-Press.

Arabs, Russia Oppose British Move

'Resolution Should Be Reworded'

New York, May 31.

Four Arab states today opposed the British resolution calling on the United Nations Secretary-General to "continue his good offices with the parties" to the Palestine dispute.

Objecting that the British draft tended to broaden the Secretary-General's original mandate, Mr Ahmed Shukairy, the Syrian delegate, said in the Security Council that if it were adopted "the draft resolution as it stands brings the matter to an end."

"The Secretary-General will find destroyed the bridges which he had constructed," he declared. "His efforts will be frozen; his endeavours will be arrested. All prospects will be sealed off, and all roads to the Middle East will be blocked. The Secretary-General will find himself unable to proceed."

Delegates of Egypt, Jordan and the Lebanon, also objected to the wording of the British resolution in two meetings of the Council today.

Mr Abban Eban of Israel gave it a general acceptance, but said even his Government could have hoped for different wording in some parts.

AND RUSSIA

Russia today pledged its help in bringing peace to Palestine but called upon Britain to reword its resolution to make it more palatable to the Arabs.

The Soviet delegate, Mr Arkady Sobolev said: "The success of U.N. measures will depend on the extent to which other members of the U.N. and the members of the Security Council will do all possible to help the U.N. achieve a peaceful settlement of the controversial problems of the Arab States and Israel." The Council adjourned until tomorrow.—United Press.

Caronia Reloated

Messina, May 31.

The cruising British luxury liner Caronia was reloated tonight by five Italian tugs after going aground early this afternoon on a sandbank outside Messina harbour.—Reuter.

Rescued From Ice

Winnipeg, May 31.

C. C. Crossley, 60, of Toronto, a veteran bush pilot stranded on an ice pack just below the Arctic Circle since May 19, was rescued yesterday by a ground party from a Royal Canadian Mounted Police Otter aircraft, the Royal Canadian Air Force hero said tonight.—United Press.

Duke And The Debs

MP ASKS ABOUT TWO GAY PARTIES

London, May 31.

A Labour MP asked an attack in Parliament today on gay society parties involving the Duke of Kent. Mr G. M. Thomson will ask the Home Secretary, Major Gwilym Lloyd George about two parties the Duke attended last week that made headlines in London newspapers.

He demanded to know what action the river police took when a pleasure boat went adrift in the Thames on Thursday night off Chelsea.

About 300 debutantes and their guests attended the party aboard the yacht, Princess Royal, according to reports the 20-year-old Duke had to throw life-belts to two guests who jumped into the river for 25 bets.

Champagne Shower

From that party the Duke went to another one in Mayfair. The London Daily Mail reported the Duke and other guests balanced on a narrow fire escape and showered the street, 45 feet below, with champagne.

Mr Thomson's second question asked how many prosecutions have taken place this year for breach of the peace in the Mayfair area.

The Duke and his sister Princess Alexandra, both turned up at a debutante ball last night.

The Duke danced with Charlotte Bowles, and asked the band to play one number "Willow Weep For Me."—United Press.

'Pleasing Talk'

Athens, May 31.

The British ambassador, Sir Charles Peake, tonight made his first official call on the new Greek Foreign Minister, Mr Evangelos Averoff.

After the 45-minute meeting Sir Charles said: "I am very pleased with the talk."—Reuter.

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ORDERS BOOKED

RUSSIA EXPECTED TO SHOW NEW PLANES TO GUESTS

Samson Dislikes Drums



A lance-corporal keeps tight hold of the rope as white Welsh pony Samson shows his dislike of the drums at Aldershot, Hants. Samson, a former Welsh pit pony, is now the mascot of the 2nd Battalion the Parachute Regiment. He was rehearsing with the bands and drums of the First, Second and Third Battalions for the marching and counter-marching with which they will open the Searchlight Tattoo at White City, London, on July 3.—Reuterphoto.

8th Army Ready For Any Korean Attack

Seoul, June 1.

The Eighth US Army commander declared today his troops "can pull the lanyard in 15 seconds" if the Communists attack across the Korean truce line.

But the North Korean Government said its troops will not start against the Allies unless attacked.

Those were the major developments after the United Nations Command ordered neutral nations to leave South Korea and the Communists stop violating the 1953 ceasefire.

US General I. D. White, Commander of the historic Eighth Army as well as all American troops in the Far East, told United Press when questioned about the readiness of his troops.

"The United Nations Command has always been aware that we are in a state of armistice. We can pull the lanyard in 15 seconds."

Any Situation

Commenting on the ultimatum against the truce inspectors, General White said, "we are prepared to take care of any situation which might arise out of this condition."

He was asked if his Eighth Army was prepared to defend South Korea against a new Communist attack. "We are always ready," the four-star general replied tersely.

From Pyongyang, the North Korean capital, came a broadcast statement that North Korea will not attack first and will reduce the size of its armed forces this summer.

Poujadists Demonstrate

Paris, May 31.

Some hundred members of the far-right-wing Poujadist movement today demonstrated at the Paris airport of Orly against the despatch of 100 French-manufactured light machineguns to Syria.

After the leader of the demonstration, M. Albert Privat, a Deputy from the Seine Department, had explained to the Orly authorities the reason for the demonstration, the Poujadists marched round the central hall and then dispersed without incident.

The 13 crates containing the machineguns left by air for Syria today. They had been despatched at Orly earlier this month but two foreign consulates had refused to take them to Damascus.—Reuterphoto.

Moscow, May 31.
Western air experts said today they think Russia will disclose striking new warplanes at the annual air show on June 24.

"They wouldn't be inviting General Twining to attend the show if they were not going to unveil something new and impressive," one Western attaché said.

General Twining, Chief of Staff of the US Air Force, announced yesterday he had accepted the unprecedented Soviet invitation.

Not Sure

Britain's Secretary of State for Air Nigel Birch and high-ranking Royal Air Force officers also will attend.

Western circles are not sure what surprises the Russians will spring.

"It's hard to predict what the Russians will come up with but I have a feeling there will be something new in bombers or at least improved versions of the models shown last year," the attaché said.

Last year the Russians unveiled new four-engine long-range turbo-prop bombers believed capable of refueling in flight like the big bombers of the US Strategic Air Command.

Jetliner

The Russians also showed a twin jet, all-weather fighter, a single jet, supersonic fighter and a twin-engine helicopter for carrying troops.

The flypast also included the twin-engine jetliner now known as the TU-104 which flew to London before and during the visit of Premier Nikolai Bulganin and Party Secretary Nikita S. Khrushchev.

The air show is held at Tushino airfield on the outskirts of Moscow. It always is well attended by thousands of Russians, government leaders, the diplomatic corps and foreign correspondents.

Usually included in the programme are a mass parachute jump, trick flying and fast formation flights of fighters and bombers.

Practicing

Last year helicopters landed in front of the reviewing stand and disgorged troops, trucks and mobile artillery.

Presumably Air Force units in the Moscow area already are practicing for the show. Two-engine jet bombers of a type known in the West as "Badgers" have been flying in formation northwest of the capital.—United Press.

Syria Should Recognise China

Damascus, May 31.

The General Federation of Syrian Trade Unions today submitted a written demand to the Government to recognise China and establish diplomatic representation.

The note pointed out that China had taken part in the Damascus International Fair since the opening two years ago, while trade agreements between the two countries already exist and a cultural agreement is now being negotiated.—Reuter.

EAST AFRICAN FIRMS ACCUSED

London, May 31.

A serious warning that companies were buying up land in East Africa, working it hard, making big profits and then leaving a complete desert behind, was given in the House of Lords today. The speaker, Brigadier Lord Thurlow, who commands the security forces in East Africa, told the House of his horror at finding in Kenya signs of the wrong kind of settler. He was speaking during a debate on the necessity of stopping the destruction of forests in the low rainfall areas of Africa.

1,000 Yards From Hiroshima Atom Bomb DIED LAST MONTH

Tokyo, May 31.

A Japanese man who had been treated for leukaemia died today of what Japanese press reports called the after-effects of the 1945 Hiroshima atom bomb.

He was the seventh person exposed to the bomb to die this year.

Kyodo News Service reported from Hiroshima that Tatsubel Nakayama, 67, died on May 18.

Nakayama was taken to hospital in April last year after diagnosis showed he had leukaemia of the bone marrow, a type of blood cancer.

Kyodo said his condition improved and he was sent home last month. Nakayama suffered a relapse, however, and died.

According to the Kyodo report, Nakayama was about a thousand yards from the centre of the blast when the A-bomb was dropped on Hiroshima on August 6, 1945.—United Press.

Pedal Cars Are Becoming Obsolete In U.S.

New York, May 31.

Pedal pushed toys are becoming obsolete in the United States. They are being replaced by battery or petrol-driven cars, tractors, fire-engines and three-wheelers.

The toy manufacturers have exhibited their latest products in a huge show.

There were still some pedal-pushed tricycles and cars on display but they carried radios, windmills, and other accessories in an effort to make them more attractive for children.

The petrol and battery driven toys are strong enough to carry father or mother. An electric-powered car travels at five miles an hour.

One of the child-sized tractors is powerful enough to pull a lawn mower. The manufacturers admit that it is a "gunning" development intended to entice parents to buy. Popular with the children was a backyard roller coaster—cost \$150.—London Express Service.

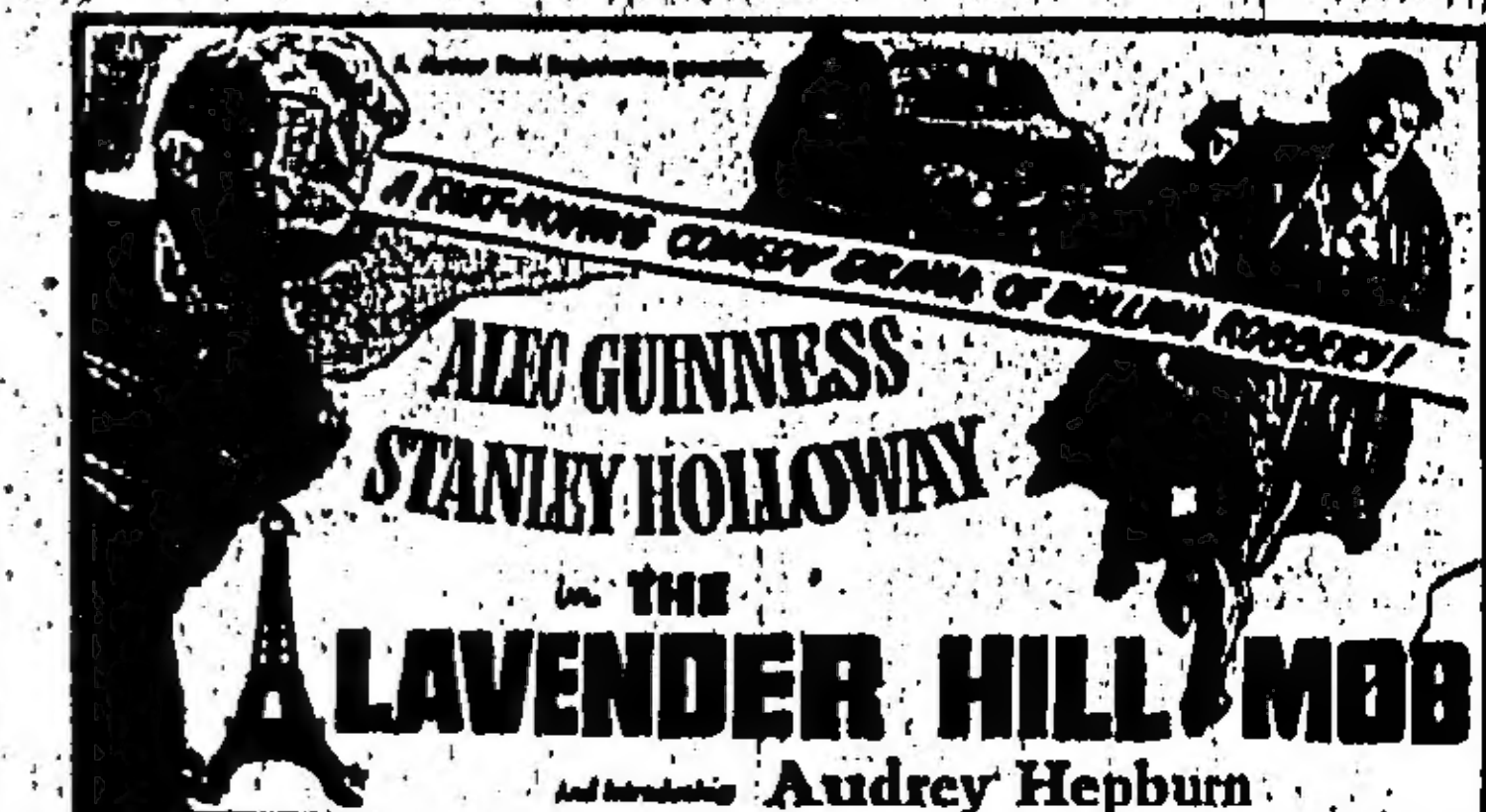
Bagdad, May 31.

King Faisal of Iraq returned home by air today from Rome, after a two weeks absence in which he paid official visits to Spain and Morocco. He also spent two days in Paris on a private visit on his return journey.

The King was accompanied throughout his tour by the Crown Prince, Abdulla.—France-Press.

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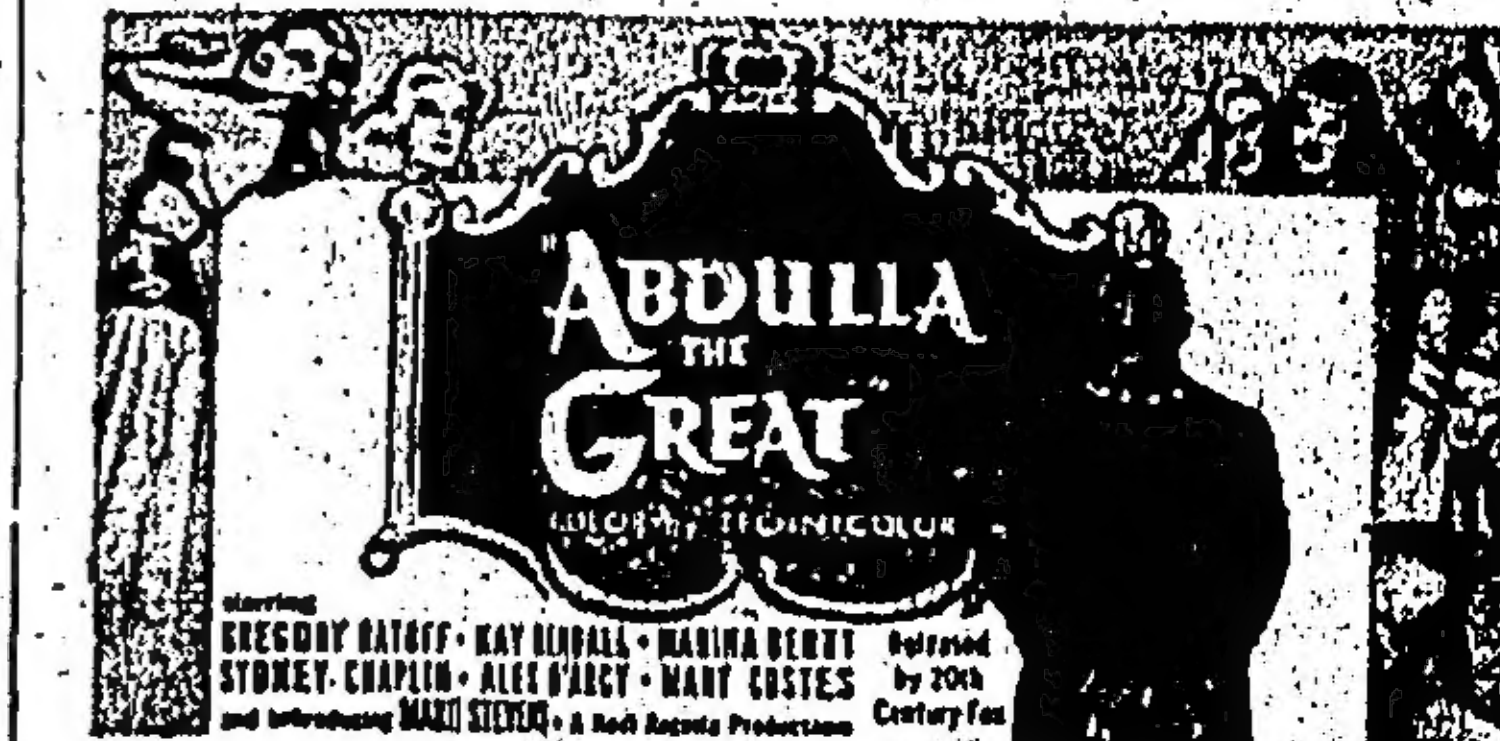
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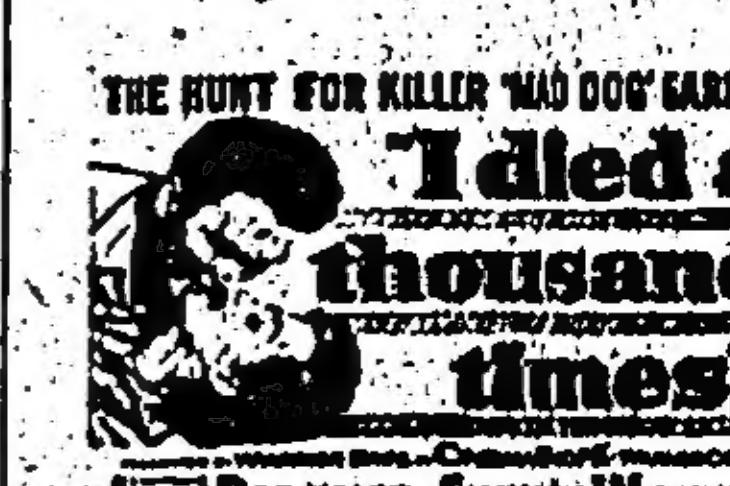
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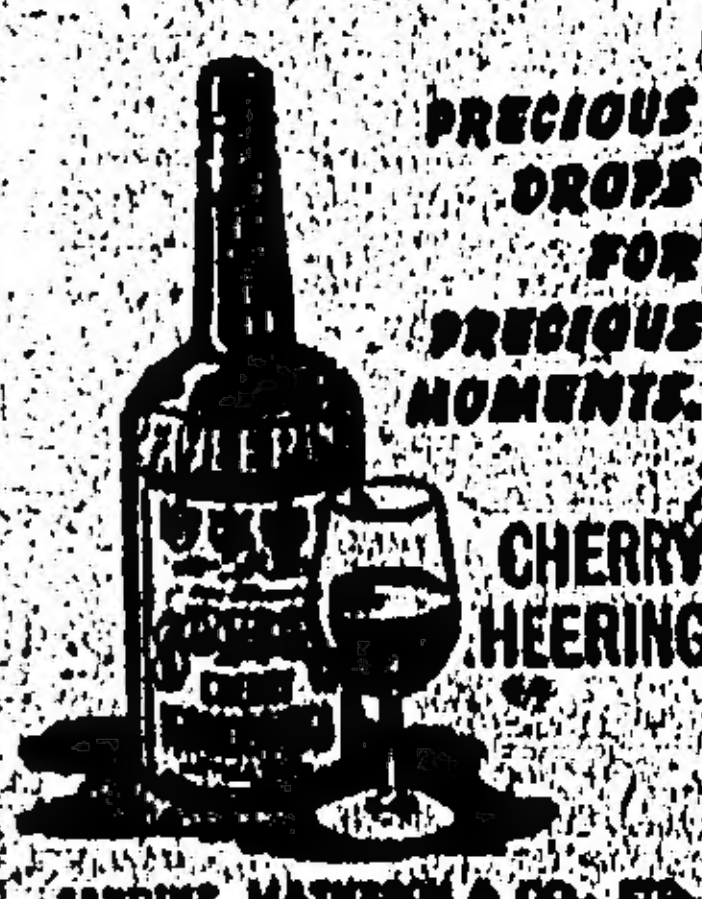
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Gruenther Behind Foreign Aid Credits

RED DEMOBILISATION NO JUSTIFICATION FOR ANY REDUCTION

Washington, May 31.

General Alfred Gruenther, Supreme Commander of Allied powers in Europe, said today the Soviet decision to demobilise 1,200,000 men did not justify a reduction in the foreign aid credits asked for by President Eisenhower.

General Gruenther, who was reporting to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said he supported the entire foreign aid programme of the President, amounting to \$4,900,000,000.

He said that despite its recent demobilisation decision, the Soviet Government would maintain 10 Soviet divisions and 75 "satellite" divisions more than was necessary in the atomic age to launch an aggression against West Europe.

Remain Vigilant

General Gruenther said it was vital for the United States to supply modern weapons to her European allies. "Any cut would have a deteriorating effect on our allies and it would be to the disadvantage of the United States," he added.

He said the West should remain vigilant, despite the Soviet demobilisation decision and the Russian "campaign of smiles."

General Gruenther told the Committee that France had decided with reluctance to send military divisions to Algeria that had been based on the central NATO sector. He added: "We do not like to have them do that. It weakens the NATO... neither do they."

He said the French Government would bring the troops back to the European sector as soon as possible. He said the removal of French forces from Europe did not indicate a lack of French support towards the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

General Gruenther said the West Germans were not behind in the execution of their military programme, but that it would take from three to four years for them to form the 12 divisions planned.

NATO Intact

He said the Cyprus disturbances were detrimental to the interests of the NATO, but did not involve a disagreement between the countries concerned over the objectives of the Atlantic pact.

General Gruenther stressed that the NATO was not "falling apart." He said that if the Western powers remained prepared and vigilant, they could prevent a third world war.



GEN GRUENTHER
Germans Not Behind

El Kouatly Ends Tour

Amman, May 31. Shukriat Kouatly, Syrian President, ended his four-day state visit to Jordan today with a series of farewell calls on Jordan Government leaders.

Before leaving by air for Damascus this evening, Mr. Kouatly spent half an hour with King Hussein. Informal sources said they discussed the progress of military talks now taking place here between Syrian and Jordanian army chiefs.

COORDINATION

These talks, aimed at co-ordinating joint military action in the event of an outbreak of hostilities with Israel, are being conducted by Jordan's young Chief of General Staff, Major-General Ali Abu Nuwar, and the Syrian Chief of Staff, Brigadier Shawkat Shukair, and senior army officers of both countries.

The military talks will continue for several more days. A joint communiqué on the discussions by the two heads of state on economic and cultural affairs was expected to be issued here later tonight.

Eden's Message

INFLATION MUST BE CONQUERED

London, June 1.

Sir Anthony Eden, the Prime Minister, said today that if inflation were not conquered it "would corrode our prosperity and undermine our whole position in the world."

He said this in a message to Mr R. P. Hornby, the Conservative (Government) parliamentary candidate in the by-election next Thursday at Tonbridge, Kent.

Sir Anthony said his Government had taken strong and often unpopular action to deal with the situation "but at last we are beginning to see the results."

RESERVES RISING

He added: "Our gold and dollar reserves have been rising in recent months and the trade figures are looking rather better."

"But there is still much to do, and if we work as a united nation we have no need to fear the future."

The by-election is caused by the retirement of Mr G. W. Williams, who had a majority of 10,000 over his Labour opponent in the last general election.—Reuter.

Free Kashmir President Sworn In

Karachi, May 31.

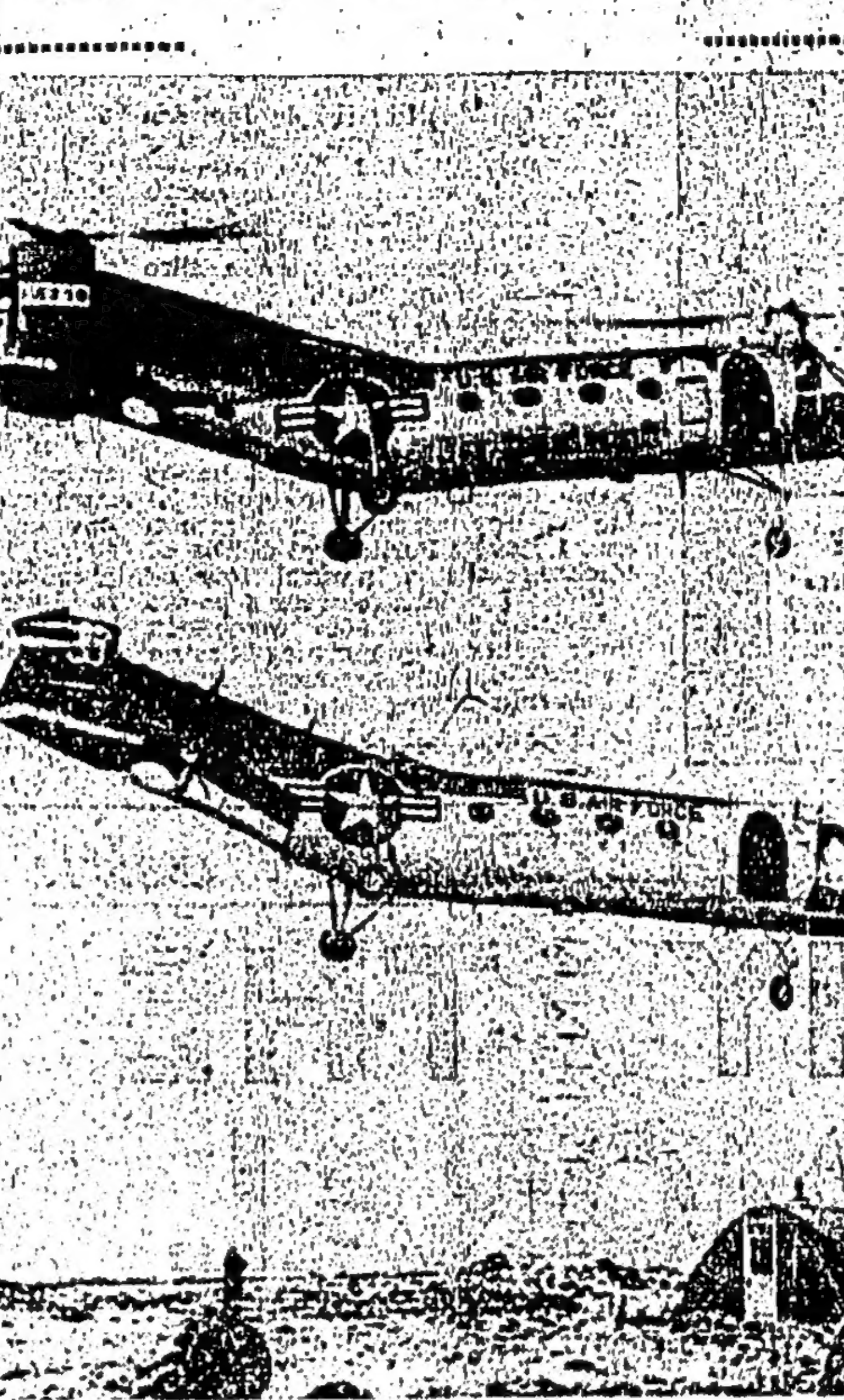
Mis Wazir Mohammed Yusuf, 60-year-old Jammu and Kashmir religious and political leader, was sworn in at Muzaffarabad today as President of Azad (free) Kashmir, according to reports reaching here.

He had been nominated by the All-Jammu and Kashmir Moslem League conference after the resignation yesterday of the President Colonel Sher Ahmed Khan and four members of the Cabinet.

Yusuf is expected to form a caretaker government until a fully representative one is formed. He headed the administration of Azad Kashmir, which is that part of Kashmir not administered by India, in 1951-1952.

Reconstitution of the Azad Kashmir Government is reported to follow agreement between parallel groups in the All-Jammu and Kashmir conference.—Reuter.

COPTER SAVES COPTER



A powerful US Air Force P-51 Mustang "Work Horse" Artie rescue helicopter lifts a damaged sister aircraft from a mountain top for removal to a base. The "Work Horse" lives up to its name, is capable of raising very heavy loads. —Express Photo.

ANCIENT SCROLLS DECIPHERED 200 Tons Of Gold And Silver Buried

London, May 31.

The Manchester Technical College announced today it has deciphered several 2,000 year old metal scrolls which reveal that nearly 200 tons of gold and silver are buried on the present Israeli-Jordan border near Jerusalem.

The disclosure came in a communique published simultaneously at Manchester and Amman, with the permission of the Director of Jordan's archaeological services, Dr Lancaster Harding.

However, Dr Harding expressed some doubt as to the authenticity of the treasure, which is supposed to have been buried by the ancient Essene Jews in some 60 caches between the town of Hebron and Mount Gerizim.

But the scrolls, which were deciphered by Professor Wright Baker of Manchester University, described the religious practices of the Essenes.

Severely Ascetic

Observers thus speculated on what interest this religious people could have found in leaving to posterity a tale of buried treasure if it is not true.

The Essenes were a severely ascetic brotherhood among the Jews of Palestine from the second century BC to the second century AD.

The scrolls, made of copper and bronze were found buried from 15 to 20 feet deep in grottoes along the Dead Sea. They are regarded as perfectly authentic.

The documents, which had become as fragile as glass because of oxidation and the oldest known text in the Hebrew language as spoken in the time of the Prophet Micah, who lived in the eighth century BC.

The scrolls describe the area where the treasure allegedly was buried.

3,000 Characters

The scrolls contained more than 3,000 engraved characters. Some 95 per cent were still intact after Professor Baker's expert on applied mechanics succeeded in laboriously separating the rusted scrolls.

The Jordan archaeological service had sought vainly a means of separating the scrolls. Prof. Baker started work on the problem "after learning about the documents from a chance acquaintance during a train trip."

All other documents which have been found in Dead Sea grottoes are made of parchment. The first was discovered in 1947 by a Bedouin sheep-herder.

Should Swedish Children Smoke?

Stockholm, May 31.

The Swedish Board of Education is considering imposing a general ban on smoking in schools. Mr Tage Erlander, the Swedish Prime Minister, said in answer to questions in the lower house of Parliament.

Some schools allow smoking on the premises. Other schools allow their pupils to smoke outside school provided they have their parents' permission and do not smoke in public places.

Schools allowing their pupils complete freedom to smoke have said that banning smoking would be an interference in the personal affairs of the pupils.

A Board of Education report published last March showed that about half of Sweden's schoolboys smoke at the age of 15, with about 22 per cent of these already habitual smokers.

About 58 per cent of all Swedish school girls smoke, with about 12 per cent of these habitual smokers.

By the age of 18, the Swedish school leaving age, 61 per cent of the boys and 59 per cent of the girls are smokers, the report said. After publication of this report, the Swedish Tobacco Retailers' Association appealed to its members not to sell cigarettes to children.—China Mail Special.

Bandung Conference Postponed

Djakarta, May 31.

The first plenary session of the Asian-African conference at Bandung was postponed for the second time today after the Philippine delegates, accompanied by members of the Pakistan and Indian delegations, opposed an Indonesian proposal to get down to work, pending the completion of the task of the committee to examine credentials.

The session, which was due to open at 9 a.m., was postponed until the afternoon, because the committee failed to reach an agreement on the question of which delegations were to be considered as true representatives of their national student bodies.

The committee first met with difficulty with regard to the representation of India and Pakistan. It appeared there were two delegations of both countries.

Then the Philippines delegate objected to holding the plenary session before the credentials committee had completed its task and because the presidium was not yet formed.—France-Press.

NIX ADOLF

Fiesburg, May 31.

No child here has been christened Adolf since dictator Adolf Hitler died in 1945, the Register of Births has shown. Officials believe parents are avoiding the name because of Hitler's infamy.—China Mail Special.

NURSE GIVES EVIDENCE IN 'LOVE-SACRIFICE' TRIAL

Blois, France, May 31.

The nurse of a two-year-old baby, whose mother Denise is on trial for the baby's murder, told the court here today:

"I used to blame Denise for killing Cathy. But now I know the truth, I cannot blame her at all."

Denise, a 30-year-old typist, accuses her lover, Lieutenant Jacques Algarron—on trial as an accomplice—of bewitching her into drowning the child as a "love-sacrifice."

The nurse, 32-year-old Marie Laurent choked back tears as she said:

Denise Wept

"I can certify that Denise adored Cathy. She was a very good mother."

Denise had admitted in court that she made three unsuccessful attempts to kill the baby—once by throwing her into a river—before finally drowning her in a wash tub. This she said, was as a "love sacrifice."

Earlier today Algarron, 26, told the court:

"There was no love between us. We were only seeking our pleasure."

Denise wept as her lover, a few yards away, went on:

"Sometimes she got on my nerves, at others I just felt pity for her. And at night I desired her terribly...."

"When she told me she would prove herself worthy of my love I had no idea she planned to kill her daughter. Since I have been in prison I sincerely believe that she thought I wanted her to do something monstrous. But she told the examining magistrate she would have killed the child in any case."

Another Woman

"After the baby was dead she asked me to make her pregnant again and then come back in six months to let her kill me."

Denying that he was interested in Denise killing Cathy, he said:

"On the date of one of her attempts to drown the child, I was with another young woman whom I was trying to persuade to go away with me for the weekend."

He said he suspected Denise after three accidents, "but I did not think she was so ignoble."

When the judge asked Algarron why he bought her a penknife, the young officer replied: "I slashed her with it at the moment of our spasms. She liked this and asked me to do it."

Really Believed

D. Paul Gourio, a Paris psychiatrist, said that he and two colleagues had found Denise and Algarron completely responsible for their actions.

He said Denise was "a little cold-blooded, and like many country girls she seemed free and easy but not flighty."

She had told him her actions were guided by her lover and he added:

"I think she really believed that the murder of the child would attach Algarron to her."

China Mail Special.

STALIN PRIZE

Paris, May 31.

The Stalin Peace Prize awarded this year to the Japanese woman artist, Madame Aiko Seki, was presented to her today at a ceremony in the Kremlin, Soviet news agency Tass announced.

The gold medal and diploma were handed over by Dmitri Shostakovich, President of the jury which made the award.—France-Press.

Addressing a gathering of the "Citizens for Eisenhower" organization, President Eisenhower said in a brief speech that the United States was determined to remain everybody's friend and to resist the Communist threat in every sphere.—France-Press.

WELL ARMED

Nicola, May 31.

Police and troops who raided a Cypriot club in the Limassol area interrupted a card game and searched all four players.

One of the players, who looked guilty throughout the frisking, was found to have three guns up his sleeve, according to the current issue of the Cyprus Police Magazine.—China Mail Special.

Eisenhower Asks For Assistance

Washington, May 31.

President Eisenhower today invited 34 prominent Americans to help him work out a programme for "better people to people contacts and partnership throughout the world," the White House announced today.

Leaders in industry, publishing, education, agriculture, labour, music, law, sports, motion pictures and Catholic, Protestant and Jewish groups were invited to meet at the White House on June 12 to discuss the programme.

The White House said Mr. Eisenhower would seek their ideas. He wants them to help him in making plans "designed to create understanding among peoples and build a common effort to advance world peace."

UNIVERSAL BASIS

White House Press Secretary James H. Hagerty noted that Eisenhower has suggested many times in the past that American citizens can be of great assistance to the United States and the cause of world peace in their contacts with foreigners.

The group will discuss possibilities of promoting "people to people contacts" on a universal basis in the Free World, the neutral world and behind the Iron Curtain, he said.

In his letter of invitation, Mr. Eisenhower noted that the Government itself was a relative modest setup, through its diplomats and other government officials, for making American objectives better understood throughout the world.—United Press.

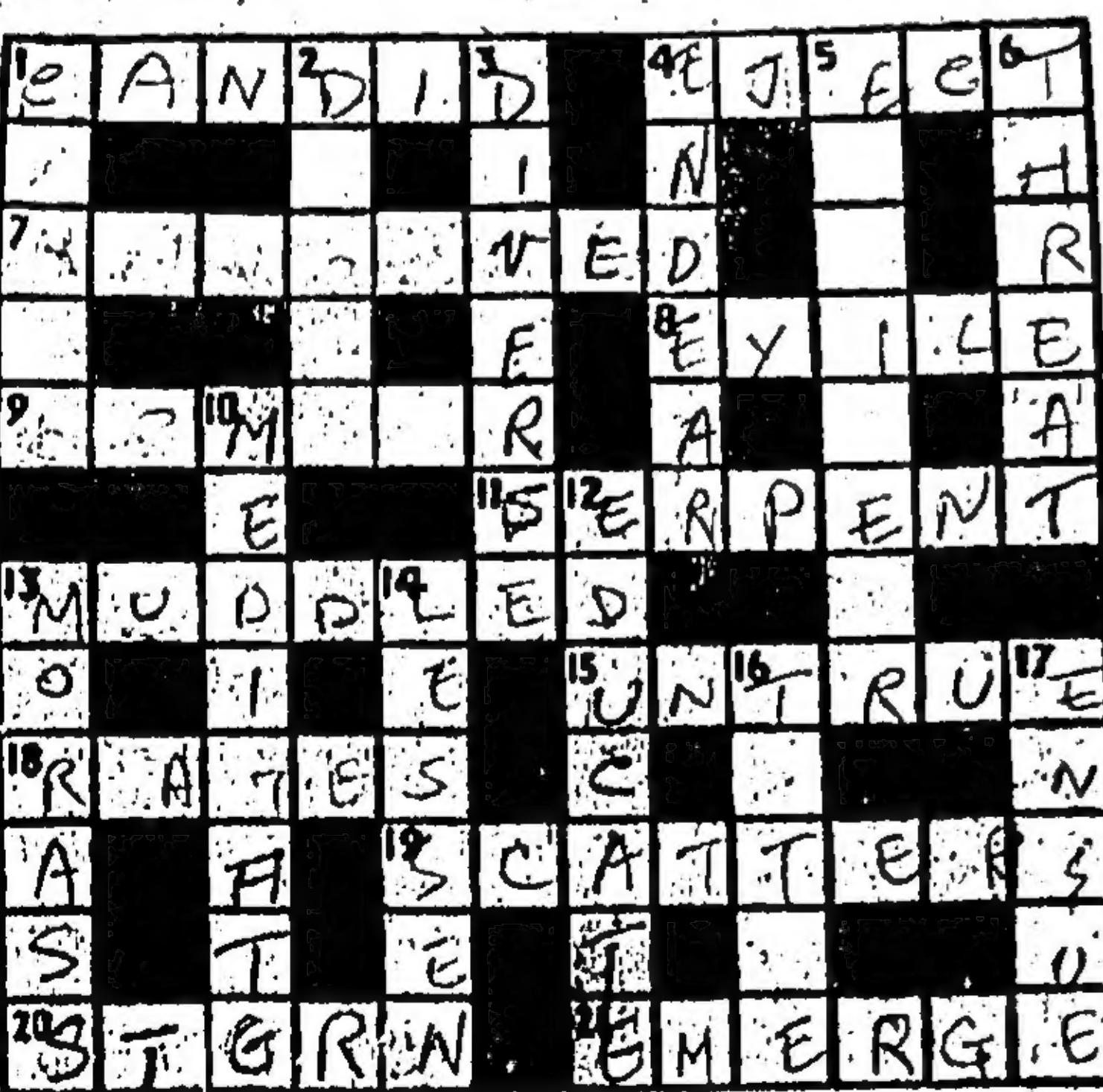
Ike Warns Republicans

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A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Frank (6)
- 4 Throw out (6)
- 7 Freed from blame (8)
- 8 Banish (6)
- 9 Hinder (6)
- 11 Reptile (7)
- 13 Confused (7)
- 15 False (6)
- 16 Scold (6)
- 18 Dispel (6)
- 20 Sever (6)
- 21 Come out (6)

DOWN

- 1 Confuse (6)
- 2 Sing (6)
- 3 Different (7)
- 4 Make beloved (6)
- 5 Convince (6)
- 6 Menace (6)
- 10 Muse (6)
- 12 Trail (7)
- 13 Boy (6)
- 14 Diminish (6)
- 15 Talk (6)
- 17 Follow (6)

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Ape, 4. Boldly, 6. Crop, 9. Otto, 10. Limited, 11. Runt, 12. Bore, 13. Delecta, 14. Elude, 15. Dream, 16. Trained, 17. Bore, 18. Coast, 19. Invade, 20. Look, 21. Ogre. Down: 1. Delecta, 2. Pity, 3. Scold, 4. Boldly, 5. Convince, 6. Drive, 7. Bore, 8. Bore, 9. Bore, 10. Bore, 11. Bore, 12. Bore, 13. Bore, 14. Bore, 15. Bore, 16. Bore, 17. Bore, 18. Bore, 19. Bore, 20. Bore, 21. Bore.

Greek Fleet Congratulated By Briton

Athens, May 31.

Sir Guy Grantham, the British Admiral Commanding the Mediterranean Fleet, congratulated the Greek Navy on its part in the exercise.

The message said: "Please pass to all ships of the Royal Hellenic Navy taking part in the exercise my congratulations to you for the important part that you have played in the exercise and in the team past, and for the many successes that you have achieved in operations during the week."

"I hope we may be in company again before very long, and wish you every continued success."—China Mail Special.

Air Conditioners Attract Typists

Singapore, May 31.

Many employers in this colony are trying to "bait" typists by advertising that their offices are air-conditioned.

According to a survey of Singapore's major trading concerns, good typists are "hard to find" and many of them will only work in air-conditioned offices. A reliable shorthand typist can earn from 300 to 400 Straits dollars a month.—China Mail Special.

Suggested Stamp Issue



Stamps like these, bearing the Sovereign's head and pictures of some of Britain's jewels, scenes, should be issued by Britain, according to Vincent Wilkins. The designs were produced by an authority on stamp production and design, and show that the technical requirements can be met.—China Mail Special.

New Remote Control Panel Keeps Watch On Traffic

New York, May 31.

Police officers sitting before an array of instruments in an office many miles away can watch traffic on one of America's major highways and detect not only speeders but traffic conditions, including congestion and complete jams.

The office is in Westport, Connecticut, and the instruments can detect trouble on the Merritt Parkway which carries heavy traffic along the East Coast.

Information for the instruments is picked up by devices set at strategic points on the highway. The first of its kind in the United States, the equipment may be installed in several cities.

The officers know immediately if there is traffic trouble on the park and radio patrol cars are sent to the spot needing attention.

STOP—OR SPEED

If the needles stay at zero, the police know that traffic has stopped and that an accident has blocked the parkway.

Impulses from the road devices also let a speedometer needle swing in the office. The average speed of the traffic can be added as well as the speed of individual cars up to 100 miles an hour.—(London Express News).

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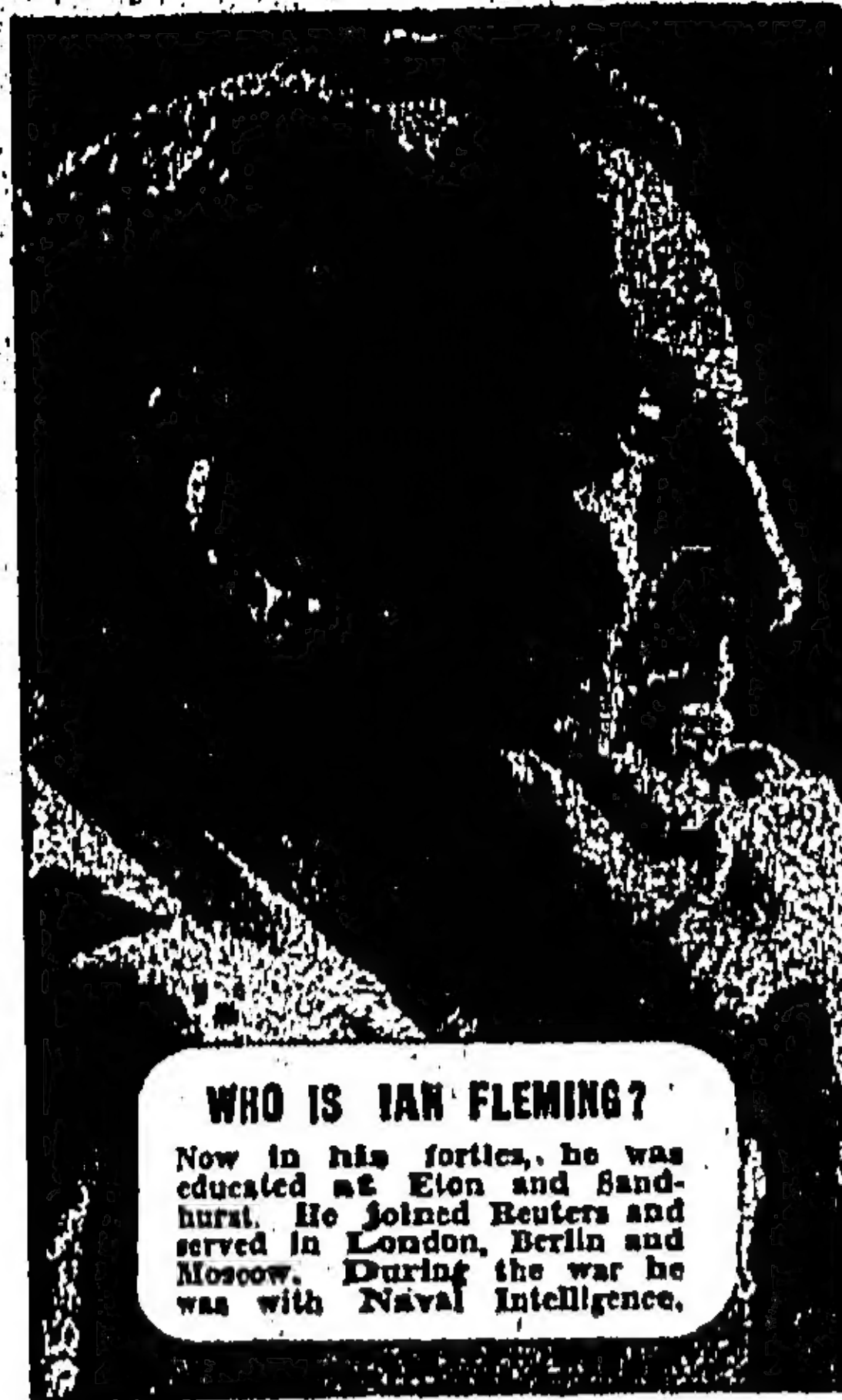
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WHO IS IAN FLEMING?

Now in his forties, he was educated at Eton and Sandhurst. He joined Reuters and served in London, Berlin and Moscow. During the war he was with Naval Intelligence.

'DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER'

The thriller you'll be reading tomorrow

By IAN FLEMING

I CAN remember more or less why I started to write thrillers. I was on holiday in Jamaica in January 1951—I built a house there after the war and I go there every year—and my mental hands were empty.

My daily occupation in Jamaica is spear-fishing and underwater exploring, but after five years of it, I didn't want to kill any more fish except barracudas and the occasional monster fish, and I knew my own underwater terrain like the back of my hand.

Above all, after being a bachelor for 44 years, I was on the edge of marrying and the prospect was so horrifying that I was in urgent need of some activity to take my mind off it.

So, as I say, my mental hands were empty, and although I am as lazy as most Englishmen are, I have a Puritanical dislike of idleness and a natural love of action. I decided to write a book.

Writing about 2,000 words in three hours every morning "Casino Royale" dutifully produced itself. I rewrote nothing and made no

corrections until the book was finished. If I had looked back at what I had written the day before I might have despaired. I obstinately closed my mind to self-mockery and "what will my friends say?" savagely hammering on until the proud day when the last page was done. The last line in the book "The bitch is dead now" was just what I felt I had killed the job.

MY SECRET

WHEN I got back to London, I did nothing with the manuscript. I was too ashamed of it. No publisher would want it and, if one did, I would not have the face to see it in print. Even under a pseudonym, someone would leak the ghastly fact that it was I who had written this adolescent tripe. There would be one of those silly paragraphs in the Londoner's Diary! Shame! Disgrace! Disaster!

Resign from my clubs. Leave the country.

One day I had lunch at the Ivy with an old friend, and literary idol of mine, William Plomer, and I asked him how you get cigarette smoke out of a woman once you've got it in. "All right," I said. "This woman inhales, takes a deep lungful of smoke, draws deeply on her cigarette—anything you like. That's easy. But how do you get it out of her again? 'Exhales' is a hopeless word. Puffs it out? Is a silly. What can you make her do?"

William looked at me sharply.

"You've written a book."

I needed only slight pressure from William. He was a friend and would tell me the horrible truth about the book without condemning me or being scornful or giving away my secret. I sent him the manuscript. He forced Cape to publish it. The reviews,

from the Times Literary Supplement down, were staggeringly favourable. People were entertained, excited, amused. I wrote "Author" instead of Journalist in a new passport.

And so it went on. I took Michael Arlen's advice: "Write your second book before you see the reviews of your first. 'Casino Royale' is good, but the reviews may damn it and take the heart out of you."

KITCHEN SINK

IN 1953, in Jamaica, I wrote "Live and Let Die"; in 1954, "Moonraker"; and then, last year, "Diamonds Are Forever."

Of "Diamonds Are Forever," I said: "I've put everything into this except the kitchen sink. Can you think of a plot about a kitchen sink for the next one? Otherwise I am lost."

Now I am off to Jamaica again with a spare typewriter-ribbon and a load of desperately blank foolscap through which James Bond must somehow shoot his way during the next eight weeks.

"Diamonds Are Forever" is published by Cape at 12s. 6d. and this article is quoted by arrangement with Smith's Trade News.

Sir BEVERLEY BAXTER, MP, asks:

WHY THE ANTAGONISM TO MORAL REARMAMENT

TWO Canadian MPs, one a Tory and one a Liberal, paid a friendly visit to my house recently. They had come from the Swiss headquarters of Dr Buchman's Moral Rearmament Movement, and they were full of praise for the missionary work that is being done by that organisation.

They described the good work that the Buchmanites had been achieving in West Germany, and also told me of the excellent results of the Movement's activities in Africa. There was no reason to doubt their enthusiasm or their sincerity.

Eventually they reached the question which is always asked. Why is there a boycott of MRA in the British press? The newspapers which gave endless columns to reporting the evangelical activities of Billy Graham will not give an inch to Dr Buchman and his followers. Like the man in the Gallup Poll, I could only answer their question with: "Don't know."

But my visitors had a theory of their own. The boycott of Moral Rearmament was imposed by the Communist workers employed by the British press. Surely that was obvious to me?

Theory is one thing but practice is another. The

spectacle of a Communist deputation of Sunday Times machine men telling Lord Kemsley that they would call a strike if Dr Buchman was mentioned in that newspaper seems to border on the improbable. Nor is it easy to visualise a committee of Red printers telling Lord Beaverbrook that if Buchman is in the Daily Express then they, the printers, are out.

As for a deputation of Communist circulation men delivering a similar ultimatum to the editor of the Daily Telegraph, it must pass the borders of absurdity. The day may come when the machinists and the delivery men will dictate the policy of a newspaper, but that day has not arrived. Not yet.

But as Plomer remarked: "What is Truth?" The cynic will answer that Truth is seldom pure and never simple. Certainly not in politics.

Here, then, is the source of part of the antagonism to the Buchman Movement. It seems to many of us that Buchmanism rules out the intellect and appeals purely to the spirit. By contrast consider the genius, the inspiration and the realism of the Sermon on the Mount. Christ gave humanity the greatest political programme of all time. It appealed to the spirit, but, even more, it appealed to the mind.

To the extent that mankind has followed those teachings it has progressed. To the extent that it has failed or rejected them it has suffered.

There is no reason to doubt the sincerity of the Buchmanites just as there is no reason to deny that their work in Africa has been helpful. But the approach to the people of the West must be on a different level, both of the mind and the spirit.

Let me give you an example of the over-simplification of the Buchmanite appeal. A very nice Canadian woman who is one of their permanent adherents called

on me last Spring, and we chatted together on the terrace of the House of Commons. We talked about her duties and her leisure at Caux, and she informed me that there were two cinemas in the town.

Just to make conversation, I asked her which cinema she would attend if she had a day off. Her perfectly sincere reply was that God would guide her. Surely such an attitude is the very abdication of human dignity. To bring divine guidance into the choosing of one film from another is the climax of absurdity. The cynic would say that she was given wisdom, judgment, taste, common sense and will power. To deny these things is to come down to the jungle, with its superstitions and voodoo worship.

It is, however, in the realm of industrial relations that the Buchmanites are conducting their strongest campaign. And here they are putting forward a philosophy and a gospel which cannot be set aside by the cynic or the satirist.

Their argument is that nothing but mutual confidence between employers and workers can prevent the eventual triumph of Communism. And from that point, they argue that mutual confidence can only be obtained by mutual respect. It is all very well to scoff at these truisms and to say that they are the usual platitudes of the privileged classes, but there will never be good relations in industry until that idea takes root in the brain and the soul of employer and employee.

In fact, the Buchmanites oppose the brutal regimentation of Communism with a philosophy of good work achieved in an atmosphere of mutual respect and mutual self-interest. Nor is there any element of

dishonesty in that view. They believe that the Capitalist system, despite its defects, is the only economic philosophy under which there can be partnership instead of dictatorship. Nearly all of us share that view. Admittedly Capitalism sustains a state of society in which there are great inequalities, but no barriers are raised against talent or tenacity. In an imperfect world Capitalism is showing an ever-increasing sense of responsibility and realism. And if the cynic argues that Capitalism has no alternative but to bow to the inevitable, I would answer that history's pages are crowded with disasters and wars that came from the refusal of kings and dictators to do just that thing.

What, then, are the criticisms levelled against Dr Buchman and his Movement? One of the principal points raised by his detractors is the non-publication of accounts showing income and expenditure. Where does the money come from and how is it spent? Dr Buchman could reply that he makes no public appeals for funds and is, therefore, not called upon to account for the expenditure.

Despite that reasonable answer, it might be argued that undoubtedly much of the fund must come from irrevocable deeds of covenant which do not come under taxation. Therefore the gift is really from the pockets of the taxpayers who have to make up the deficit caused by the deeds of covenant. At best it is a legal point, and I do not share the righteous wrath which some of my friends exhibit.

Nevertheless, it is a weak point in the Buchmanite armour. They would lose nothing by complete candour.

Finally, there is the charge that in the early days of the

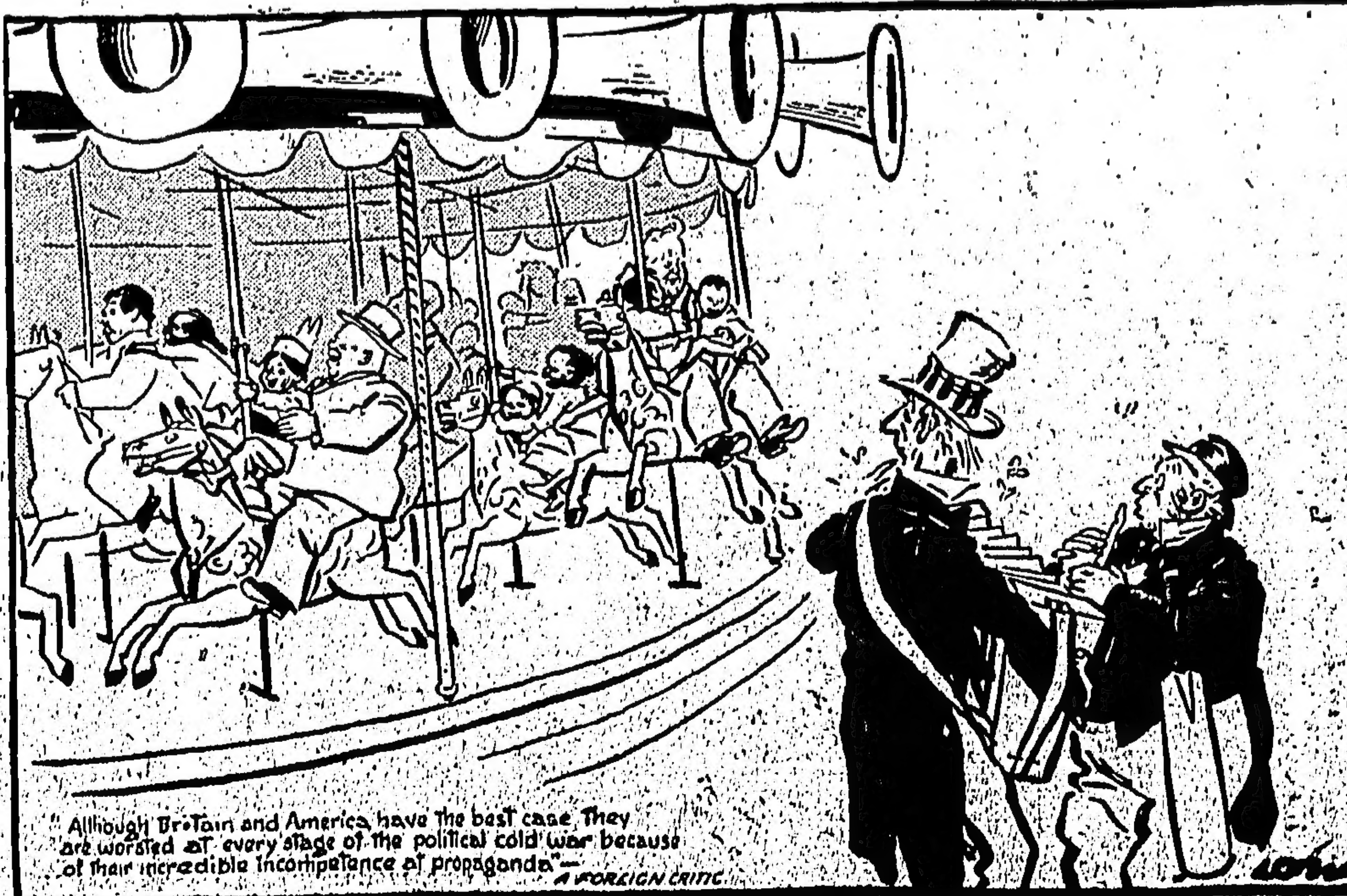
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DUTCH WIVES MAY WIN LEGAL FREEDOM

Bill Would Give Them Equality With Husbands

The Hague, May 31.

Dutch wives, who for over a century have been "subjugated" to their husbands in the eyes of the law, may soon find a new legal freedom.

A Government Bill, already passed by the Second Chamber (Lower House) of Parliament, will end their legal subjection to their husbands and grant them equality if and when the Upper House approves it. A woman Member of Parliament described the Bill as "the end of woman's slavery in Holland." Miss N. C. Tengeloo, a Labour member, told the Second Chamber that "there will no longer be any question of wives being subordinated to their husbands; there will no longer be a law and an understanding to each marriage."

Napoleonic Code

Ever since 1808, Dutch married women have been bound by the Napoleonic Code which for most transactions placed them under their husbands' legal authority. They were unable to take any legal action without their husbands' consent; they could not buy or sell property without his permission; nor could they, for example, hire-purchase contracts if he did not agree.

The Bill was presented to Parliament by Professor J. C. van Oort, 74-year-old Minister of Justice, who said that he had been fighting to secure equal rights for women for the last 30 years.

The new law means that Holland can take a front seat with other countries in this field after too long occupying a back seat," he said.

If it becomes law, it will make fundamental changes in the complicated sections of the Napoleonic Code dealing with marriage. The most important of these deal with property which under the existing system can be dealt with in two ways: a joint property settlement and a separate estate contract.

Exclusive Rights

The joint property settlement is by far the most usual in Holland where over 90 per cent of marriages have such an arrangement. It means that married husband and wife share their resources and the man is given complete legal authority over the joint property.

His wife may not sell any property jointly held without his permission although he does not need her authority to dispose of it if he wishes.

Moreover, she may not buy any property involving debts or contracts, such as a house, without his consent, while the husband has the exclusive right to decide his family's place of residence.

The husband is responsible for all debts which accrue for advertisements in the newspapers; "Please deliver no goods to my wife, Mrs. X, as I will not pay for them."

In Own Right

In being unable to start legal proceedings without her husband's authorisation, married women, like the same status under the old law as minors or persons placed under legal supervision.

In future, if the Bill is approved, a wife will be able to institute a law suit. At the same time, a common property will no longer be exclusively under the husband's authority. A woman will be able to dispose of anything she brought into the marriage community, when and how she wishes, and the husband will have the same right over his property. The law allows partners to make their arrangements for the disposal of common property if they wish.

Both husband and wife will be allowed under the law to demand cancellation of the common property arrangement if there are certain grounds for doing so.

Moreover the debts of either partner will in future be recoverable from their joint property.

To protect the family, however, the Bill makes certain stipulations. Neither husband nor wife will be able to transfer such legal contracts as hire purchase, or the lease and sale of their jointly-owned house, without the other's consent. This in itself is a victory for Dutch women, who at present have no legal say in what their husbands do about such things.

One Dignity

But husbands will preserve at least one dignity, even though it be an empty one, devoid of authority. Against the advice of the Minister of Justice and Labour, the right-wing members succeeded in having an amendment adopted to retain in Dutch Common Law the words "The husband remains head of the family."

APPOINTMENTS

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr Harold Eastgate Turner to be a member of the Traffic Advisory Committee; the Rev. V. R. J. Mills to be a Member of the Board of Examiners; and Mr Arthur Henry Carter and Mr Kenneth William Ball to be Labour Inspectors. It was notified in the Government Gazette.

Beauty Treatment For Elephants



Elephants at London Zoo are now receiving something new in the line of health treatment—mud baths. This treatment is very good for their skin, and the elephants just love it, providing incidental entertainment for visitors as they roll delightedly in the mud. Picture shows Dilkie, a big African elephant, getting the full mud treatment from keeper Buck Jones.—Express Photo.

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Thailand, Ceylon, India, Pakistan, (P. India, Parcells via Karachi), 5 p.m.
China, People's Republic, 6 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

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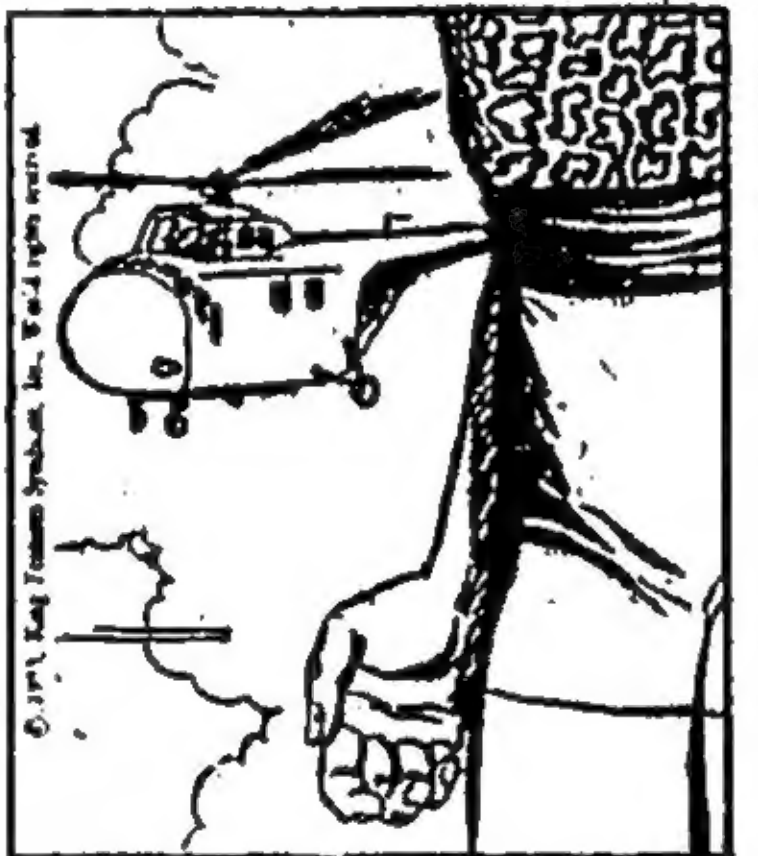
At about 9.55 p.m. yesterday, a European engaged a taxi in the Wanchai area and asked to be driven to Island Road.

When near the junction of Island Road and Shek O Road, he requested the driver to stop. He then threatened the driver and stole a quantity of cash before running away.

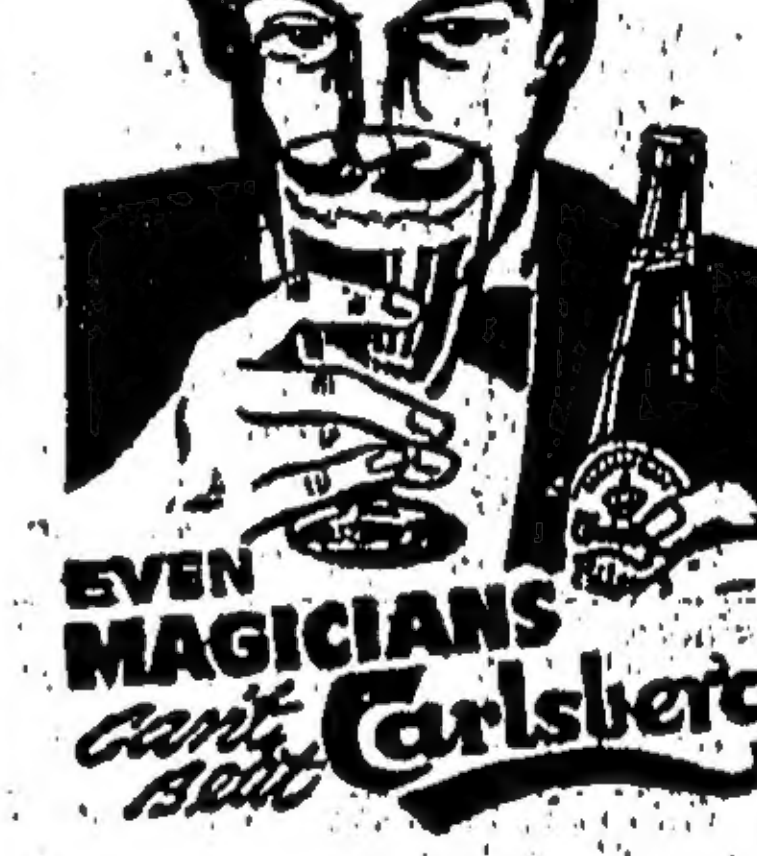
The driver stopped an approaching car in which there were four Europeans and informed them of the incident. They went in pursuit of the offender.

A European was subsequently detained.

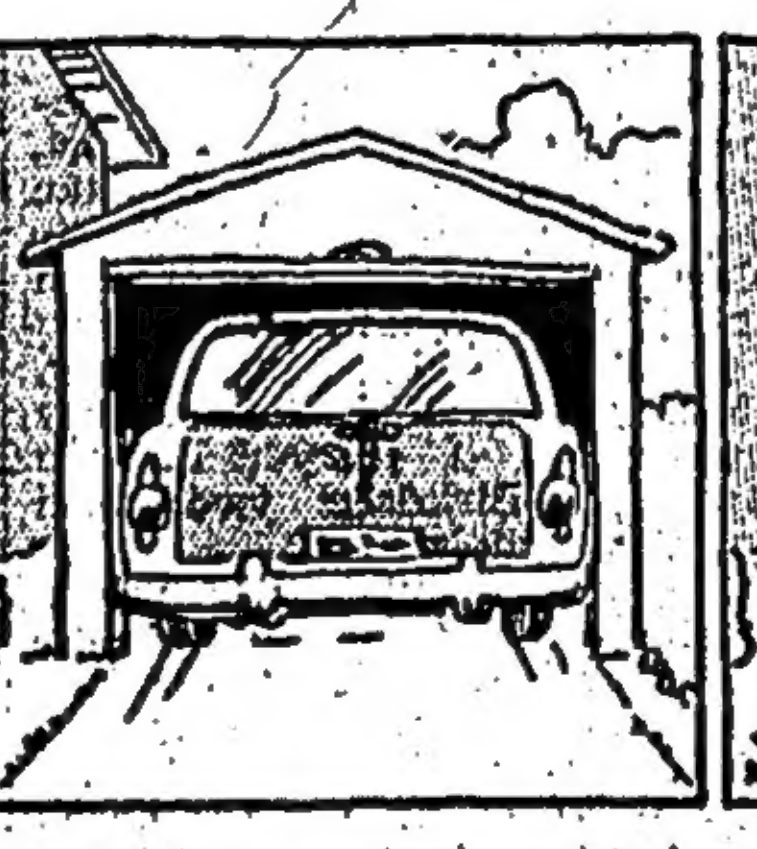
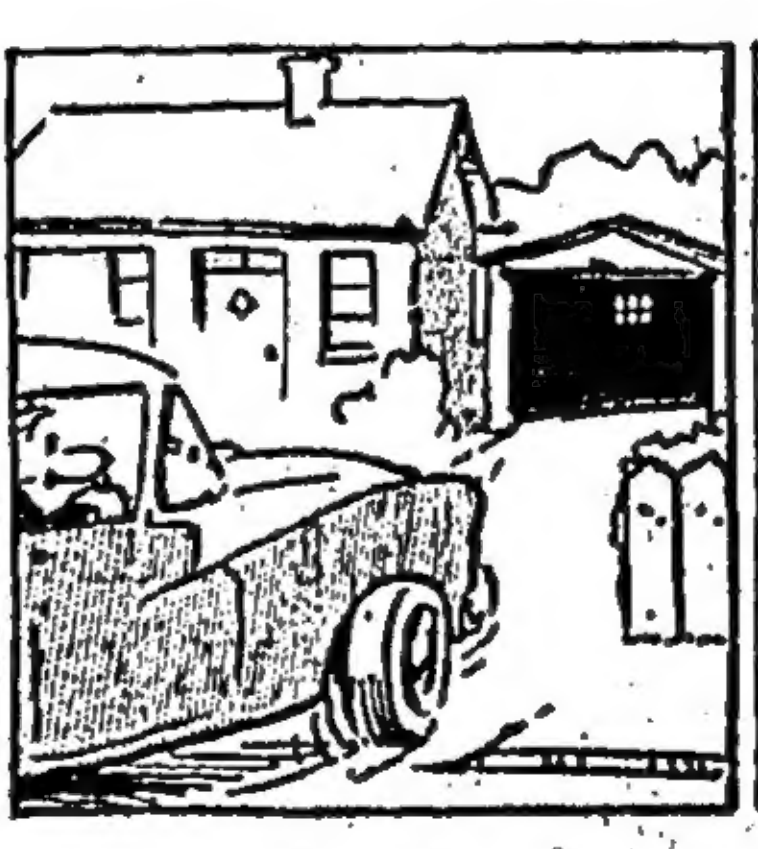
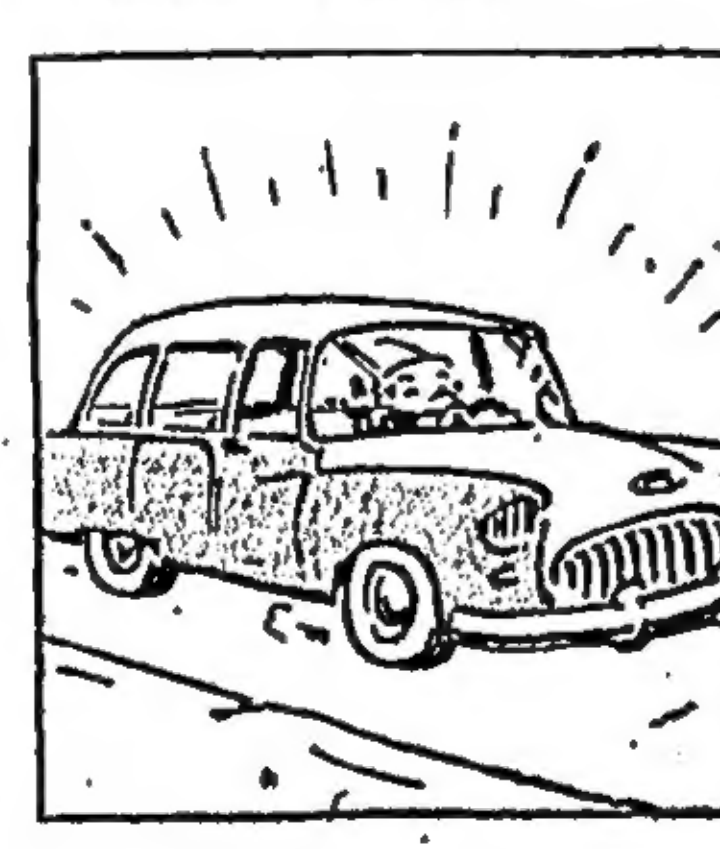
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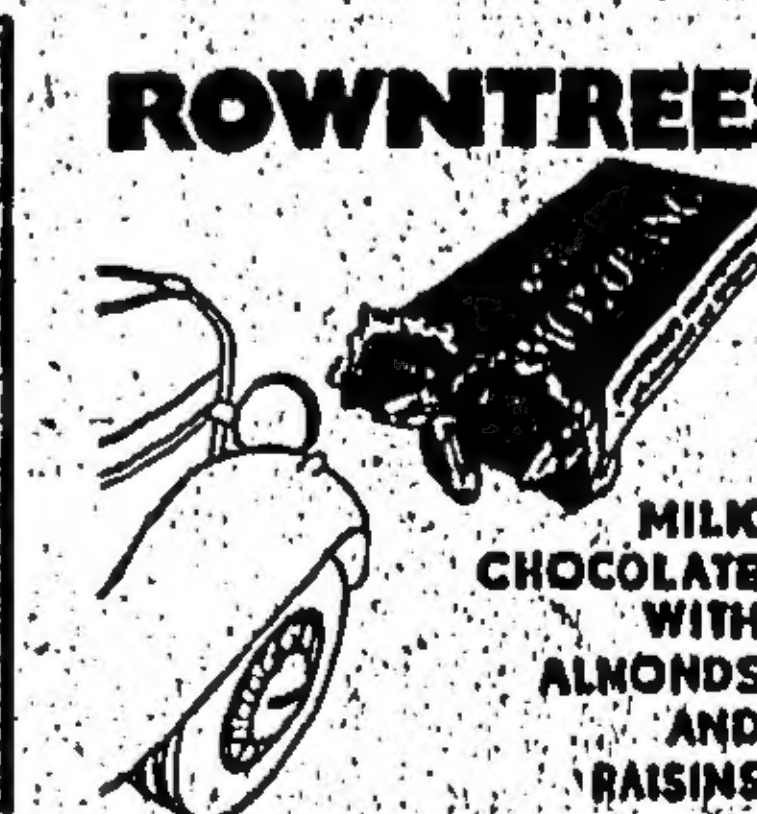
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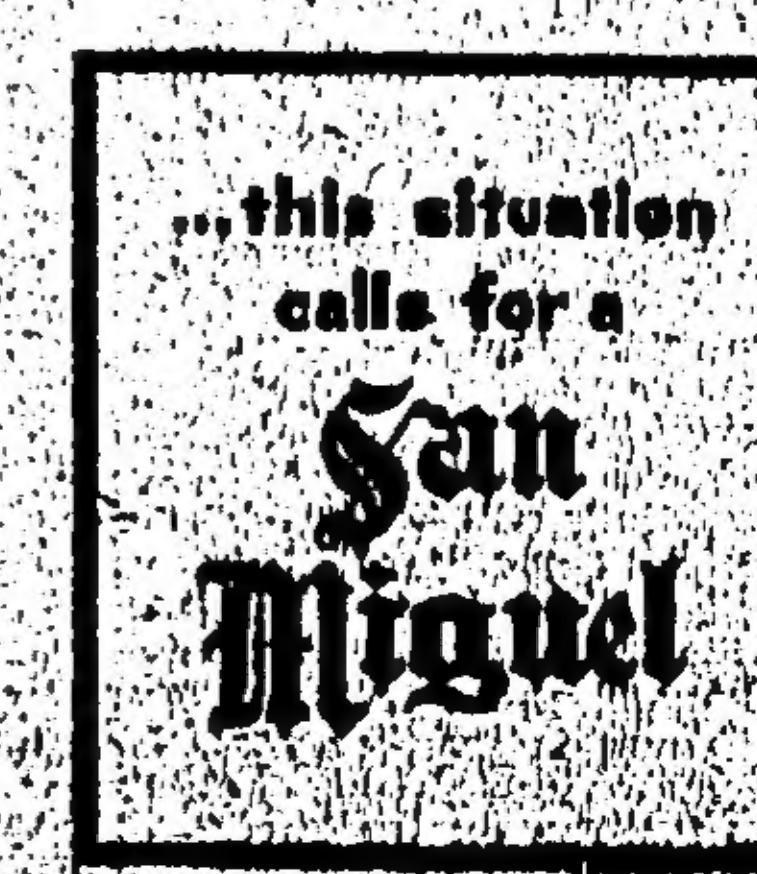
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JOHNNY HAZARD



By Frank Robbins



TRAVEL ABROAD BECOMES EASIER FOR HUNGARIANS

By John Earle

Budapest, May 31.

Hungarians are gradually being given more freedom to travel abroad as tourists, both to Eastern and Western Europe.

According to residents here, until last year, Hungarians were virtually confined to their own country, unless they were lucky enough to be sent abroad in some delegation. Not only was there an "iron curtain" to the west, but for most citizens to the north, south and east as well.

In 1955, trips for organised groups were arranged to the Soviet Union and east European countries including Yugoslavia, while passports were granted to some individuals wishing to travel to the West. It was expected that such visits would be extended this year.

Not Available

Though overall figures are not available here, Yugoslav statistics show that 3,107 Hungarian tourists visited Yugoslavia in 1955. Now Hungary and the Soviet Union have signed an agreement whereby passports are no longer necessary for travel to the other country. Visas are, however, required, affixed to the identity card.

Government officials forecast that similar agreements will be made with other "people's democracies" although it is understood that Yugoslavia has declined an offer from Hungary on the grounds that it is still necessary to make little difference whether it is affixed to a passport or to an identity card.

Some Hungarians have recently been allowed to visit relatives in the West, even though they belonged to what would be called here "reactionary" families. I talked to one middle-aged woman, born in that part of Austria-Hungary which is now under Italy, who a short time ago returned from her first visit to her old mother in northern Italy since before the World War II.

A Hungarian in the West will find that much in the shops is cheap and a western European conversely will con-

clude that life in Hungary is expensive. Shops, however, are filled with a fairly wide range of goods, though the quality may sometimes strike a foreigner as poor.

Certain articles are lacking, as, for example, women's nail varnish, oranges and bananas.

Temporary Shortages

This winter there were more or less temporary shortages of some necessities, such as coal—the first—coming at a quarter at the coal merchants were usually allowed to take away 30 kilograms (66 lbs) per customer—potatoes and lard.

Some prices are immediately conspicuous: a pair of nylon stockings costs 103 forints (23.8s); a portable typewriter, 3,000 forints (about £94); or 100 grammes (about 3 ounces) of coffee, 40 forints (about £1.1s).

A woman secretary or typist earns 800, or at most 1,000 forints (£22 or £32) a month. In purchasing power, this means that her salary will buy one cheap Russian "Pobeda" watch at 950 forints or nearly one roughly finished bicycle gramophone at 1,050 forints or two ladies' woolen cardigans at 450 forints each.

Typical prices of men's articles are: a white poplin shirt varies from 200 forints (£8.9s) to 250 forints (£8.9s) according to quality; a pair of shoes costs 300 forints (£6.1s) to 450 forints (£11.1s) or a sports jacket, 620 forints (£12.0s).

A skilled worker in heavy industry is considerably better off than a typist. For example, a fully trained worker in a blast furnace will earn from 3,000 forints to 4,000 forints (about £94 to £128) a month.

Even More

Often, there is a big difference in price between the various qualities of an article. But the cheaper quality would be regarded in the West as too inferior to be put on sale in a shop.

Mens' shaving brushes, for example, may be displayed in the same shop window at prices ranging from 8 forints to 128 forints (8s 2d to £4 8s); pocket combs from 5 forints to 32 forints (5s 2d to about £2); and a stick of lipgloss from 30 forints to 110 forints (about £1 to £2.1s) and even more.—China Mail Special.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Time Signal and Programme Summary: 6.05, Stock Market Report; 6.08, Programme for Children by Valerie; 6.30, Popularity Poll presented by Thomas; 7.00, Music from the "Carnegie Hall of the World" (George Antheil); 7.30, Jazz Hour presented by Robert Aschman; 7.50, The New York Sports; 8.00, Signal and the News; 8.10, Concert of the Special Announcements; 8.15, Move; 8.20, The World of the World; 8.30, The World of the World; 8.40, The World of the World; 8.50, The World of the World; 9.00, The World of the World; 9.10, The World of the World; 9.20, The World of the World; 9.30, The World of the World; 9.40, The World of the World; 9.50, The World of the World; 10.00, The World of the World; 10.10, The World of the World; 10.20, The World of the World; 10.30, The World of the World; 10.40, The World of the World; 10.50, The World of the World; 11.00, The World of the World; 11.10, The World of the World; 11.20, The World of the World; 11.30, The World of the World; 11.40, The World of the World; 11.50, The World of the World; 12.00, The World of the World.

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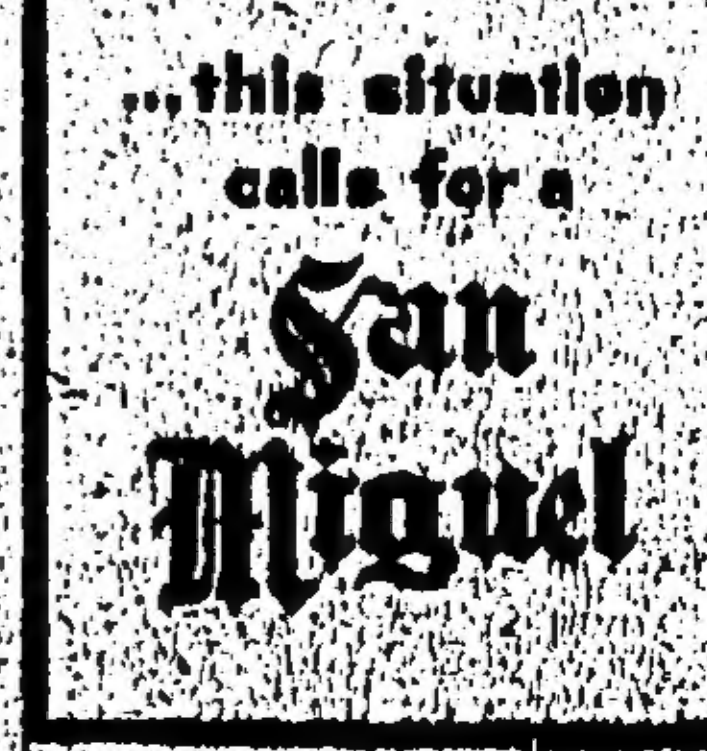
3 p.m. Variety Calls 'the Time'; 3.15, Musical Matinee; 3.30, The World of the World; 3.40, The World of the World; 3.50, The World of the World; 4.00, The World of the World; 4.10, The World of the World; 4.20, The World of the World; 4.30, The World of the World; 4.40, The World of the World; 4.50, The World of the World; 5.00, The World of the World; 5.10, The World of the World; 5.20, The World of the World; 5.30, The World of the World; 5.40, The World of the World; 5.50, The World of the World; 6.00, The World of the World; 6.10, The World of the World; 6.20, The World of the World; 6.30, The World of the World; 6.40, The World of the World; 6.50, The World of the World; 7.00, The World of the World; 7.10, The World of the World; 7.20, The World of the World; 7.30, The World of the World; 7.40, The World of the World; 7.50, The World of the World; 8.00, The World of the World; 8.10, The World of the World; 8.20, The World of the World; 8.30, The World of the World; 8.40, The World of the World; 8.50, The World of the World; 9.00, The World of the World; 9.10, The World of the World; 9.20, The World of the World; 9.30, The World of the World; 9.40, The World of the World; 9.50, The World of the World; 10.00, The World of the World; 10.10, The World of the World; 10.20, The World of the World; 10.30, The World of the World; 10.40, The World of the World; 10.50, The World of the World; 11.00, The World of the World; 11.10, The World of the World; 11.20, The World of the World; 11.30, The World of the World; 11.40, The World of the World; 11.50, The World of the World; 12.00, The World of the World.

On Establishment

The following officers have been confirmed to the permanent and pensionable establishment. It was notified in the Government Gazette today: Miss G. M. Wheeler, nursing sister; Mr. P. A. Loughton, Marine Officer; Mr. A. J. J. Lact, Marine Officer; and Mr. H. M. Mann, Surveyor of Ships.

Old Man Killed

A 74-year-old Chinese died in hospital yesterday morning as a result of injuries received earlier when knocked down by a motor vehicle. The deceased was Wang Wai-yea of 224, Queen's Road West, 1st floor.



TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

SHARE DECLINE ENDING?

**Still A Slight Drift
But It's Steadier
TWO BRIGHT SPOTS**

By A Special Correspondent

The share market put up a slightly better showing this week and but for a further decline in utilities I might have been able to report a slight overall improvement.

The undertone of the market was fairly steady and brokers are talking of a possible pick-up in about three weeks' time when business in the new issues is expected to fall away.

The market still feels the tight leash of last year's credit restrictions but brokers think that as the final date for payment of the Electric and Telephone shares falls due (June 30) interest will decline in these shares and more money will become available for general investment.

It is difficult to assess the upper limits of the weekly turnover. But certainly it could be a lot higher than this week's \$2.51 million. The turnover in the previous week (\$2.33 million) on a three-and-a-half day week, was consistent with recent totals.

Greater Stimulus

But before business can expand there will have to be very much greater stimulus to investment than exists at present.

The recent decline in prices has brought about all-round increases in yields which should make shares a very popular medium of investment.

And there is a growing tendency among local institutions holding shares to shift to the more conservative end of the market. The growth is not spectacular and has made hardly any impact on the market.

Following a week in which there were only three rises and fifteen falls, this week the market marked up nine rises and thirteen falls. Seven shares were steady.

Dull Conditions

Conditions were still on the dull side and there is no real selling pressure. This was evident from the very narrow differences between buying and selling rates in the share market quotations at various times last week.

The two exceptions were Hongkong Wharves and Hongkong Dock which made further speculative rises.

Wharves moved up steadily from \$80.50 last Friday to \$84 yesterday on a turnover of 1,600 shares. They are at their highest point for about 18 months and are near the 1954 peak of \$85.

Brokers are puzzled by the rise. They offer tentatively the thought that the chairman's annual report was well received by the market, but they are at a loss to explain the sharp rise that has taken place. This dates from early April when the share ex-dividend price was \$71.14.

Another Puzzle

The continued rise in Doels is another puzzle. It is mentioned some of the factors behind this share's rise last week, but obviously there is something more. In just a little over two months, they have risen 11 1/2%. I understand that the shares are fairly tightly held and this might explain some of the unsatisfied demand, but on the information I have at the moment I cannot explain their spectacular movement.

Doels rose from 41 1/4 last Friday to a new peak of \$43 1/4 yesterday on a turnover of more than 3,000 shares.

Rubber shares continue to sell heavily and this week more than 54,000 Amalgamateds changed hands. However, although the price continues to fall in Singapore, Hongkong shares staged a slight recovery. From a low of \$1.15 last Friday, Amalgamateds climbed up to \$1 1/4 before closing slightly lower at \$1.22 1/2. Buyers are up from \$1.30 to \$1.37 1/2.

Utilities Lower

Hongkong Banks and Union Insurance have been dull although Banks found support at the close of business yesterday at the lower level of \$1.04 1/2, down \$10 on the week.

Utilities were inclined to drift fractionally lower but picked up slightly yesterday. Watsons dropped to \$10.50, down 50 cents on the week. There is likely to be an extraordinary general meeting

★ The Share Market At A Glance ★

	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31	Up or down
HK Bank	1070	1060	1060	1065	1045	-20
Lombard	60	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	0
Union	890	875 1/2	875 1/2	875 1/2	875 1/2	0
Underwriters	80	80	80	80	80	0
Union Wharf	20.80	21	21	21 1/2	21 1/2	+1/4
HK Dock	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	0
Provident	13.80	13.80	13.70	13.60	13.60	-10
HK Hotels	13.80	13.80	13.70	13.60	13.60	-10
HK Lands	63 1/2	63	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2	-10
Humphreys	17.40	17.40	17.40	17.40	17.40	0
HK Realty	22.80	22.80	22.80	22.80	22.80	0
HK Tram	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	0
May Ferry	103 1/2	103	103	103	103	0
Yau Ma Tei	22.80	22.80	22.80	22.80	22.80	0
Ch Lights (o)	10.90	10.90	10.90	10.90	10.90	0
Ch Lights (n)	31	31	31	31	31	0
Electric	23	23	23	23	23	0
HK Telephone	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	0
G.I. Cement	10.30	10.30	10.30	10.30	10.30	0
Dairy Farm	11	11	11	11	11	0
ABC Watson	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	0
Lane Crawford	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	0
Yangtze	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0
Allied	5.45	5.45	5.45	5.45	5.45	0
HK & FE Inv	11	10.80	10.80	10.80	10.80	-20
Textile Corp	6.40	6.35	6.35	6.35	6.35	-5
Nanyang	7.80	7.75	7.75	7.75	7.75	-5

WALL STREET UNABLE TO HOLD GAINS

New York, May 31.

Stocks added another 1 billion to Tuesday's 3 billion recovery but couldn't hold the gains today.

Late irregularly developed to pare early gains substantially, and the market over-all closed about unchanged. Industrials were higher on average; the rails lower.

Trading was at a slower pace than on Tuesday when the market staged its first gain since May 17 and the second in 17 sessions. Turnover of 2,020,000 shares compared with 2,430,000 in the pre-holiday session. Coppers were weak spots all day, reflecting anticipated price cuts. Anaconda and Kennecott fell 2 points or more. Chemicals, upside leaders most of the session, came down at the close when Du Pont backed down to a small loss from an early gain of 4 points.

Final Losses

In the final closing losses ranged from a loss of more than 2 points in Royal Dutch to a gain of 2 in Texas Co.

For stocks, final losses ranged to almost 2 points in Bethlehem. Motors gave way with the rest of the list. Chrysler closed with a loss of more than 1 point, Ford with a 1/2 point drop.

Tyres had losses of 3 points in Goodrich. Aircrafts were mixed. Activity centred in Jersey Standard, General Motors, Royal and Studebaker.

Of a total 1,162 issues traded, 535 were higher, 402 lower. New York Stock Exchange bond volume was \$3,020,000. American Stock Exchange volume was 670,000 shares.

Dow-Jones closing averages were:

30 Industrials	478.26
20 rails	135.10
10 utilities	85.24
40 bonds	96.47
Common stock price index	100.63
Common stock price index	412.70

Closing Prices

Alden Inc. Acy.	11 1/2
Allied Chemical	3 1/2
Allied Mills Inc.	2 1/2
Allis Chalmers	2 1/2
American Airlines	2 1/2
American Cable & Radio Corp.	2 1/2
American Cyanide & Chem.	2 1/2
Am. Mach.	2 1/2
American Metal	2 1/2
American Smelting	2 1/2
Armour	2 1/2
Baldwin-Lima-Ham.	2 1/2
Bell & Howell	2 1/2
Bendix Aviation Corp.	2 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	2 1/2
Boeing Airplane	2 1/2
Boeing Aircraft	2 1/2
Burns & McDonnell	2 1/2
Canadian Pacific	2 1/2
Case Corp.	2 1/2
Cat. Tractor	2 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	2 1/2
Chrysler Motors	2 1/2
Consolidated Edison	2 1/2
Continental Oil of Del.	2 1/2
Crown Zellerbach	2 1/2
Cuban Amer. Sugar	2 1/2
DuPont	2 1/2
Dupont de Nemours	2 1/2
Eastman Kodak	2 1/2
El Paso National Gas	2 1/2
Everett	2 1/2
Exxon	2 1/2
General Electric	2 1/2
General Motors	2 1/2
Gen. Pub. Util.	2 1/2
Getty Oil	2 1/2

WORLD COTTON MARKETS

New York, May 31.

Cotton prices today steadied after a mixed start although activity generally remained on the quiet side.

Rallying tendencies gathered momentum toward the close in company with a higher mid-April parity price report.

A rise of almost 1/2 cent a pound in the parity index suggested a proportionate rise in the loan rate for the new crop. Closing near the day's best levels the list finished up 14 to 37 points. Opening prices were off 3 to 7 points. New Orleans closed up 15 to 20 points.

Anticipating the weekend recess, traders remained in a holiday mood while pondering Washington developments on the export programme and soil bank benefits.

Business originated mostly among professional traders, with spot firms, mill accounts, commission houses and local traders reported on both sides of the market.

AFTERNOON RALLY

An afternoon rally coincided with the announcement by Agriculture Department Secretary Mr. Benson that the new-enacted soil bank programme will be put into effect immediately, with "generous" payments to farmers who plough under 1955 crops of corn, wheat, cotton and rice.

Cotton farmers will receive 15 cents a pound multiplied by the average pound per acre yield on the land taken out of production.

Simultaneously, the Secretary announced cancellation of the June 5 bids on Government cotton for export. The next round of bids was postponed to June 10 to permit a study of the farm bill provisions on price cuts.

Traders marking time awaited the mid-April parity price report. Interest in the month-to-month changes in the parity base increases since the final Government loan rate for the new crop will be based on the mid-July parity rate, traders pointed out.

The certificated stock remained unchanged at 11,073 bales.

NEW YORK

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	26.70
July	26.70
October	26.70
December	26.70
March	26.70
May	26.70
July	26.70
October	26.70

NEW ORLEANS

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	30.30
July	30.30
October	30.30
December	30.30
March	30.30
May	30.30
July	30.30
October	30.30

LIVERPOOL

Future closings, in pence per lb. were as follows:

Old contract	27.75
New contract	27.75
July/Aug.	27.75
Oct./Nov.	27.75
Dec./Jan.	27.75
Mar./Apr.	27.75
May/June	27.75
July/Aug.	27.75

SAO PAULO

Market closed, holiday. In the US the average price of 15/10 middling cotton at 14 designated spot market was 30.00 cents. Bale totaled 12,070 bales. —United Press.

WORLD RUBBER MARKETS

New York, May 31.

The No. 1 RSS rubber futures contract today closed 65 to 75 points lower with sales of 193 contracts.

The standard contract closed 50 to 85 points lower with no sales reported. Earlier trend reflected reports of a reduction in the synthetic price, and consumption of a fair-sized shipment business in rem-mill grades at "attractive prices."

Confirmation was awaited on news that a leading producer cut the price of synthetic nine-ninths of a cent to 23 cents, ending an advance made about a month ago.

In shipment rubber, four numbers, June shipment, sold at 10 cents and three numbers at 20 1/2 cents a pound both cost and freight, with off-Bank post. Factory business in the delivery market was routine. Spot No. 1 RSS was quoted nominally 26 1/2 cents a pound. Futures:

July	25.00
September	25.40
December	24.70
Standard contract	25.00
July	25.25
September	24.80
December	24.50
March	23.50
May	23.00

LONDON

The market was steady with spot quoted unchanged at 21-15/16 pence per lb. Prices:

No. 1 RSS	21 1/2-22
Settlement house term:	21 1/2-21 1/2
July	21 1/2-21 1/2
August	21 1/2-21 1/2
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FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 1956.

Chinese Film Actress Wins Court Action

A young Chinese movie actress, Chu Ying, won her claim against the Hsin Wah Motion Picture Co. for back salary amounting to \$14,100. Delivering his judgment in the Supreme Court this morning, Mr Justice J. R. Gregg, dismissed the studio's counter-claim for \$30,000 damages alleged to have been caused by Chu Ying's absence from work. The Judge remarked that the defendants were expecting too much to ask the Court to believe on such flimsy evidence that the actress—who struck him as intelligent—would cancel all that salary owing her and agree to work again for the same amount merely for the sake of publicity, as claimed by the defence.

The Judge awarded the actress costs of her claim and the counter-claim. Chu Ying's claim was for the balance of salary for 1953 and 1954 due under a written agreement between her and the first defendant, S.K. Cheong, proprietor of Hsin Wah. She was to receive a total of \$6,000 for four films to be paid at \$500 a month the first year and \$12,000 for another four films at \$1,000 a month the second year. The agreement provided for payment for additional films made and also in the event that the films were not completed, that she should complete her work even after the expiration of the two-year contract on terms to be discussed by the parties.

THE JUDGMENT

In his judgment, Mr Justice Gregg said: "The contract is admitted by the defendants; and it is also admitted that under this contract a sum of \$14,100 is now due to the plaintiff as arrears of salary. On the expiration of the agreement the plaintiff had completed four films for the defendants and had partly completed two. There is no evidence apart from that connected with an allged new verbal contract, to show that there was any discussion between the defendant and the plaintiff, in accordance with clause 3 of the agreement regarding the plaintiff's salary for the completion of the two unfinished films.

"In their statement of defence, however, the defendants allege a verbal agreement made in December, 1954, between the plaintiff and the first defendant's wife, Tung Yuet-

kuen, whereby the written agreement was rescinded or discharged and a new verbal agreement entered into. Under this alleged verbal agreement the defendants have set up a counter-claim alleging losses due to plaintiff's default of which losses there is not, in my opinion, satisfactory evidence.

"At the last minute when this case came on for trial counsel for the defendants applied to this court to make several amendments to the statement of defence—by which, inter alia, 'publicity' for the plaintiff was given as consideration for the alleged new verbal agreement and was, for the first time, pleaded.

AFTERTHOUGHT

"Having regard to all the circumstances and to the evidence adduced I am satisfied that no such consideration was ever agreed to by the plaintiff or even discussed by the first defendant and that it has been inserted, at the last minute, by the defendants as an afterthought to bolster up what I can only regard at best as flimsy and wholly unreliable evidence.

"It is admitted by counsel for the defendants that the verbal contract alleged by the defendants is not the same as that pleaded and that he cannot rely on it. But be that as it may, I am satisfied that the evidence, relating to it, is too vague and unsatisfactory to make such an alleged agreement—even assuming there was consent by the plaintiff—sufficiently certain to be enforceable.

I am, however, satisfied, on the evidence, that there was no

such consent on the part of the plaintiff and I accept her evidence to the effect that when the defendant's wife approached her with her suggestion that she should make a further six films at \$2,000 each and accept \$2,000 to complete the two unfinished films, she refused; but assuming that the first defendant's wife is telling the truth and that the plaintiff accepted her proposition, we have the peculiar position of the first defendant's wife agreeing to vary or rescind by verbal arrangement a written contract, signed by her husband, to which she was never a party. Further there is no evidence of any power of attorney or other written authorisation which would allow her to act in this respect on behalf of her husband.

VAGUE EVIDENCE

Her husband's evidence regarding the terms of the new verbal agreement, which incidentally according to him was to have been endorsed on the written agreement and never was, is vague and unreliable. He gave me the impression, although he was induced under cross-examination to write out some of the supposed terms from memory—of being completely at sea.

On the plaintiff's evidence, which I accept, it is clear that she was ill during January 1955 and actually in hospital from February 2 until March 19. I am also satisfied on the evidence that the defendants had notice of this illness and were prepared to allow for it. It is clear to my mind that the plaintiff was willing to complete the two unfinished pictures in accordance with the original agreement and that she did not consent to any new verbal agreement.

It is admitted by the defendants that at the time the written agreement expired they were in very serious financial difficulties. It is also admitted that when written by the then solicitors for the plaintiff in February 1955 they made no mention of it and after the writ was issued on March 19, 1955, "their whole behaviour towards the plaintiff is in my opinion, consistent with acute financial embarrassment on their part."

ASKING TOO MUCH

"To suggest that this court should believe, on such flimsy evidence as the defendants have adduced, that the plaintiff—who struck me as an intelligent person—would deliberately cancel out a debt of \$14,100 due to her and replace it by a verbal agreement for the same amount to be worked for by her, merely for the sake of publicity, is expecting too much.

"In my view, therefore, the plaintiff's claim must succeed and the defendants' counter-claim be dismissed, with costs.

The plaintiff was represented by Mr Lawrence Leong, instructed by Mr P. Wong, and the defendants by Mr Oswald Cheung, instructed by Mr M. E. lives.

JURY LISTS

The lists of special jurors and common jurors have been printed. It was notified in the Government Gazette, published today.

Copies of the lists may be inspected at the Office of the Registrar of Supreme Court during office hours, and may be purchased at the Government Publications Bureau, General Post Office Building, for \$7 each. The lists will be in force from June 10, 1956.

Resettlement Flats Tenders

It was notified in the Government Gazette that sealed tenders in duplicate for the construction of two blocks of resettlement flats at Tai Wan Hill, (Phase II), Hung Hom, Kowloon, will be received at the Office of the Chairman, Tender Board, Colonial Secretariat, Government Offices, Lower Albert Road, until noon on Friday, June 20, 1956.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"My father has a terrible temper—I hope he never storms in here raving about a bad report card!"

JUDGE REFUSES TWO APPEALS

Two appeals against sentence were refused by Mr Justice C. W. Reece at the Supreme Court this morning.

The appellants were Wong Ying-ming, sentenced by Mr T. Creedon at Kowloon Court to three months' hard labour on a charge of dealing in heroin, with another charge of possession of heroin taken into consideration; and Chan Man-chi who was bound over by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central Court on January 3 in \$100 for one year to keep the peace and to be of good behaviour, on conviction for assaulting a Police Constable in the execution of his duty in the Central Court compound.

China Light Co's New Generators

The Metropolitan Vickers Electric engineering firm is to supply three 30,000-kilowatt steam turbine generators to the China Light and Power Co., Ltd.

A China Mail Special despatch from Manchester, quoting a Metropolitan Vickers spokesman, said the generators, worth nearly £700,000, would be installed at the China Light's Hok On Station at Hung Hom.

Confirming this, Mr C. F. Wood, Manager of the China Light and Power Co., Ltd., said this morning that delivery of the first of the three generators was expected to be in 1957.

Mr Wood said the purchasing of the new apparatus was in keeping with the expansion of the Colony's industrial and domestic needs.

Gazetted Appointments

The following appointments, transfers, promotions and postings have been approved by His Excellency the Governor. It was notified in the Government Gazette, published today: Mr T. Mahon, Chief Pharmacist, resumed duty on return from leave; Mr W. F. Simpson, Pharmacist, ceased to act as Chief Pharmacist; Mr F. Crabb, Senior Executive Officer, Class II, appointed Acting Principal Accountant (Inspection), Treasury; Mr R. W. Sampson, Executive Officer, Class II, appointed Acting Senior Accountant (Headquarters), Treasury; The Hon. Mr A. Riddhaigh, QC, Attorney-General, resumed duty on return from leave; Mr A. Hooton, QC, Solicitor-General, ceased to act as Attorney-General; Mr M. Heenan, Senior Crown Counsel, ceased to act as Solicitor-General; Mr J. C. McElbert, Crown Counsel, ceased to act as Senior Crown Counsel; Mr K. S. Kinghorn, Cadet Officer, Class II, ceased to be an Assistant Director of Commerce and Industry; and Mr J. P. Acerra, Cadet Officer, Class II, appointed District Officer, Tai Po.

His Excellency the Governor, under instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, has been pleased to approve the appointment of Mr Donald Pagano as Air Traffic Control Officer, Class II. It was notified in the Government Gazette today.

Wong had pleaded guilty to this charge. He complained the sentence was severe as he had six young children to support. He also said that his prison sentence would cut off his business as a broker dealing in securities.

Refusing the appeal, Judge Reece said he was not in a position to believe or not to believe that Wong has six children. In his opinion, said Judge Reece, the sentence was adequate. He reminded Wong that he had one previous conviction for possession of opium and was cautioned.

TIME WASTING

Judge Reece added that Wong had advanced a single good reason for a reduction in sentence and that his appeal was an absolute waste of the court's time.

Judge Reece ordered the sentence against Wong to begin from today, although he had already served one and a half months' imprisonment since conviction by the Magistrate.

In his appeal Chan contended that the witnesses called by the Prosecution concocted their stories against him, so that the court was influenced by their evidence. He also said he did not in fact assault the police constable.

Judge Reece said that in his opinion Chan had been properly convicted in accordance with the evidence before the magistrate. The Judge added that Chan was lucky to have been bound over for his offence.

Resigns Commission

In exercise of the powers conferred by Regulation 10 of the Royal Hongkong Defence Force Regulations, His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to permit Major J. P. O'Brien to resign his commission in the Hongkong Regiment effective from May 18, 1956.

University Council

The Chancellor of the University of Hongkong has been pleased to appoint Dr the Hon. S. N. Chau to be a Member of the Council of the University of Hongkong for a period of three years with effect from May 1, 1956, vice the Hon. Sir Mackenzie Leung.

Public Services Commission

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr Justice J. Reynolds to act temporarily as Chairman of the Public Services Commission with effect from June 1, 1956, during the absence of Mr J. R. Jones. It was notified in the Government Gazette today.

MURDER TRIAL

POLICE INTERPRETER'S ADMISSION

A police interpreter admitted this morning during cross-examination at the trial of 'Lai Hok-tang, nicknamed "Black Boy" that the word "deceased" which appeared in the English translation was not in the statement made by the accused in Chinese.

Lai is charged with the murder of a 19-year-old maid servant, Lau Ah-yan on February 27 at 62 Fuk Lo Tsun Road, second floor.

Accused is being defended by Mr Victor Gittins instructed by Mr P. Chan. Crown Counsel, Mr M. Morley-John is prosecuting assisted by Chief Det. Inspector Roberts.

Leo Kwec-leung, an interpreter attached to the Kowloon City Police Station, said that on March 2 at 9.20 p.m. he was called to the Police Station where Inspector Roberts instructed him to prepare a charge.

Witness said he explained the charge of murder to the accused in Punt dialect and cautioned the accused who elected to make a statement in answer to the charge.

He added that the accused requested him to write the statement which the accused dictated and he wrote it down word for word.

THE STATEMENT

In the statement, the accused said that he made the acquaintance of the deceased when he was requested by his friend to teach the deceased how to ride a bicycle.

The statement also mentioned that he was asked by his friend to commit this murder because of bad relationship between his friend and his friend's wife.

Witness agreed during cross-examination that the name of the deceased was never mentioned in the statement, the only names mentioned being those of the accused, his friend and his friend's wife.

He also agreed that the word "deceased" was not mentioned in the original statement dictated to him by the accused in Chinese.

He added that he took it for granted that the accused meant the deceased when he spoke of killing someone.

WOUND DESCRIBED

Dr Pang testified that on March 2 at 9.30 p.m. he examined the accused and found a cut wound one and a quarter inch long over the outer aspect of the right index finger.

The flesh was exposed and pus matter was present and

12 Granted Naturalisation

The following have been granted Certificates of Naturalisation under the British Nationality Act, 1948, it was notified in the Government Gazette today: Mr Ven-way Woo, known as V. William Woo, known as Wai-wah Woo, merchant; Mr Raymond Li, known as Lay Yum-cheung, Manager of the Import and Export Department of the Hongkong China Manufacturing Co. (1947) Ltd.; Mrs Yang Chao-ling, artist; Mr Yung Hung-ching, known as Yung Hung-zung, known as George Yung, merchant; Mr John Cleveland Wan, clerk; Mr Kuan Ka-pak, known as Kuan Yu-kwong, merchant; Mr Kuan Ka-yue, merchant; Mr Wei Kwang-hai, minister; Mr Wu Glin-din, known as Tai King-chik, known as G. D. Su, authorised architect; Mrs So Ching-ness, known as So Shu-hing, governess; Mr Yunn Pao Managing Director of Sin Hui (Hongkong) Co., Ltd.; and Miss Liu Shih-tung, known as Shirley Diep, secretary.

Soldier On Serious Charge

Robert Allan Thomhill, of 80 Company, RASC, Causway Bay Camp, was remanded for three days in Police custody by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning on a charge of robbery with violence.

The defendant, who is from Swinton, England, is alleged to have robbed Fung Yim of approximately \$30 at Island Road on Thursday, and at the time to have used personal violence to Fung.

No plea was taken.

More Water In Reservoirs

In the 24-hour period ending at 8 o'clock this morning, the Colony's reservoirs gained 53 million gallons.

Total storage this morning was 1,420 million gallons. Consumption yesterday totalled 29 million gallons and intake from streams and catchment areas 82 million gallons. Rainfall registered by the Water Authority at Tyiam was 1.32 inches, at Aberdeen 1.27 inches, at Pokfulam 1.26 inches and 1.59 inches at Shing Mun in the New Territories.

Sentence To Stand

A former Health Inspector, Wong Kai-kong sentenced to three months on April 24 for corruption, lost his appeal before the Full Court this morning.

Wong was convicted by Judge K. R. Macfio in a charge of having taken \$100 as a reward for forbearing to carry out his duties in regard to a building site.

His Counsel, Mr John Clifford and Mr Kaminadar Gill (instructed by Mr G. Hampton) attacked the charge, saying that according to the evidence the accused did not forbear to do his duty, but if the money was paid, it was paid for the accused to do something which was outside of his duties.

The Chief Justice, Mr Justice M. J. Hogan, who sat with Mr Justice C. W. Reece, gave a verbal judgment this morning.

NOT UNREASONABLE

He said that although the charge was framed in a somewhat peculiar manner having regard to the requirements of the section of the Ordinance, it was not in an unreasonable form. The charge, in effect set a higher standard than was strictly necessary by the terms of that section.

The Chief Justice said that the evidence showed that while the accused did his duty, in giving a warning directing the attention of the people on the building site that work was not being properly carried out, he subsequently received money from a man there and the conversation at that time was to the effect that nothing would happen in the future.

It was clear to the Court that the effect of this conversation was to completely nullify any warning or formal warning which might have been given. It was the duty of the accused to give an effective warning. If he forbore to give an effective warning, clearly he failed in the duties imposed on him by his employment and on that account the appeal could not be allowed, said the Chief Justice.

As the appellant has been in custody for a month, the Court allowed his sentence to date from his conviction.

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